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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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Post Office Box #812

Chicago, Illinois

March 19, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE  
K5637 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232  
K4317 HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236  
K4314 VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238  
K6927 WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
K4234 HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240  
K5860 MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 7, 1935, requesting a complete list of all the defendants named in the indictment returned on March 1, 1935 in connection with the \$237,000 robbery of a bank messenger on December 6, 1932, together with any identifying data which will assist in locating the records of these individuals in the files of the Identification Unit of the Bureau.

The following list was obtained by Special Agent M. Chaffetz from a copy of the above indictment on file in the office of the United States Attorney here in Chicago. Following each name is the identifying data obtained by Agent Chaffetz from Postal Inspectors J. J. McCarthy and John R. McWhorter, and from the records of the United States Marshal and Police Department in this city.

K-263 - Sam Levick St. Louis P. D. #35525  
alias "Baby Doll"  
K13938 Sam Labor Chicago P. D. #C60430  
K13937 Rocco F. J. Degrasse New Orleans P.D. #18700  
alias Joseph Degrasse  
" Joe Romano  
" Joe Alamo  
" Joe Miller

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K13941 Vincent Degrasse  
alias Wolf Degrasse  
" James  
" Jimmy Harris  
" James Daize

Chicago P. D. #55497

K13983 Ralph Berger

Taken into custody by U.S. Marshal at Chicago, but no record of such arrest or fingerprints being taken was located. No other known record. U. S. Marshal Chicago #3674.

K13913 James Weinberg  
alias James Mitchell  
K-5499 - John J. McLaughlin  
alias "Boss"

U. S. Marshal Chicago # 3734.

K13942 Julius Riseman

Arrested by U. S. Marshal,

X Dave Fishman

Springfield, Illinois.

Arrested by U. S. Marshal,

Springfield, Illinois.

F. P. record at Chicago P. D. -

32 W 100, however, no number or

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record at this Dept. appears in

group photograph #5324A.

No record, and has not as yet been taken into custody on above indictment.

X Louis C. Perrott

alias Louis Wojak

" Louis Anderson

Louis Mathews

K13948 John M. Minneo

X Louis Wolfe

U. S. Marshal Chicago #3722

F. P. by New York City P. D. on

March 2, 1935 under the name of

Louis Wolff. Number not known.

Arrested by U. S. Marshal,

Springfield, Illinois.

Arrested by U. S. Marshal,

Springfield, Illinois.

U. S. Marshal Chicago #3674.

X Thaddeus S. Stevens

X Maurice Fishman

X Al Miller

K-10013 - Edgar Richard Bagaroz  
alias Eddy

K13978 Dominick Gentile

alias Dom

K13982 X Robert Roberto

alias Rob

The only information available on the last three Subjects is the fact that they all appear in group photograph of the New York City Police Department #16,184.

K13951 Bud Gentry

K13979 Doddridge Farrell

Chicago P. D. #C50920

No known record, has not as yet been taken into custody. Resides in St. Louis, Mo., and may have record in that city.

Harry A. Sodini

K13968 Ernest C. Henning  
K13970 Gus Anders  
K13967 Joseph L. Vodak  
alias L. G. Anderson

K13969 Byron Carey

It is noted here that Joseph L. Vodak was arrested along with Byron Carey, and it is possible that a record of such arrest may be located in the Identification Unit under the same number given Carey by the United States Marshal, which is #3674.

K13912 Clarke B. Richie  
as Clark Richey  
K13965 Robert Polhamus  
X F. E. Colvin

K13981 X Clem Ehinger

X Leon H. Winters

K13980 X William H. Schultz

X Louis B. Krilow

K13977 X Bernard F. Spangler

X Thomas H. Baird

X William Graves

X Joe Levine  
X Edna Lovig  
alias Edna Degrasse  
Edna Daize

Only information available is that he has record in St. Louis, Mo. U. S. Marshal Chicago #3721. Chicago P. D. #C20555. Taken into custody by U. S. Marshal at Chicago, but no record of such arrest or fingerprints being taken was located. No other known record. U. S. Marshal Chicago #3674.

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Only information available was arrested by U. S. Marshal, Minneapolis, Minn., date unknown.  
No record, and has not as yet been taken into custody on above indictment.  
U. S. Marshal Chicago #3730.  
Taken into custody by U. S. Marshal at Chicago, but no record of such arrest or fingerprints being taken was located. No other known record.

Charles Joye

alias Cherry Nose

o No known record, not yet taken into custody on above indictment.

{ Joe (last name unknown)

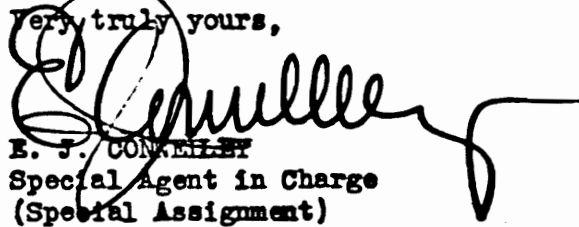
No information available.

Your attention is directed to the fact that although Ralph Berger, Joseph L. Vodak, and Edna Lovig were taken into custody by the United States Marshal and released on bond, they were not at any time fingerprinted by that office, and consequently, not assigned a number. The explanation given for this is that it has been the custom in the office of the United States Marshal to take a Subject before the Court and the amount of bond having been set by the Court, the Subject immediately makes his bond and is released from custody without his fingerprints ever being taken. This information is being furnished to you as it is deemed possible that you may desire to take some action which would assure the action of taking fingerprints of all persons taken into custody by the United States Marshal.

The information furnished by Post Office Inspectors McCarthy and McWhorter to Agent Chaffetz was done so on the assurance that none of the information given by them would be used by the Bureau in connection with any of its cases, without first bringing such action as may be taken by us to the attention of the above Inspectors. The reason advanced by them was that they wished nothing done that would harm or hinder the successful completion of their case.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the New York, St. Paul, St. Louis, and Kansas City Offices in order that they each may obtain the identifying data desired from the United States Marshal or Police Department on each of the Subjects appearing in the above list who have been indicated as being located in their District.

Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge  
(Special Assignment)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

Information has been received from the Chicago Office of this Bureau that it is the practice in the office of the United States Marshal in Chicago, in taking a subject into custody, to promptly carry him before the Court and if the subject immediately makes the bond which is set by the Court, he is released from custody without his fingerprints ever being taken.

Inasmuch as it is felt that you may desire to take some action which would assure the taking of fingerprints of all persons taken into custody by the United States Marshal, this matter is being called to your attention for any action which you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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From Laboratory and  
Single Fingerprint Unit

Date 3/27 1935.

To: ☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Appel  
☐ Mr. Blackburn  
☐ Mr. Conrad  
☐ Mr. Donaldson  
☐ Mr. Hardison  
☐ Mr. Harrington  
☐ Mr. McSwain  
☐ Mr. Parsons  
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☐ Mr. Renneberger  
☐ Mr. Schilder  
☐ Q. Tamm  
☐ Chief Clerk  
☐ Files  
☒ Stenographer  
☒ Mr. Foxworth

*Only the three with  
K-numbers have been  
entered in S.F.P. file.  
What about others?  
Should they be entered?*

*WGP*  
E. P. Goffey.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: UNIT 2 & UNIT #3

2/27 1935.

TO: Director  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tamm  
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Mr. Thompson  
Mr. Chambers

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Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Berens  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Weeks

☒ Miss McCarthy

☒ Mr. Blockbaum

☐ Correct  
☐ Re-write  
☐ Re-date  
☐ See me  
☐ Send file

*If others not <sup>now</sup> incarcerated for long  
terms it would appear, in view  
of their connection with this robbery,  
that they should be included in S.F.P. file*

*BEJ*  
Supervisor.



POST OFFICE BOX 889,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM LEAVER  
with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY  
SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE  
EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

An examination of the file in this case discloses that although all field offices have been requested during the year 1934 to place stop orders against 1934 model Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor No. 4543656, serial No. 1-DA-0749267, and 1933 model Pontiac coach, motor No. 935155, serial No. 815237, no information has ever been obtained concerning the registration of these cars.

The Chevrolet Club sedan above mentioned was purchased by Arthur R. Barker under the name of H. J. Morley at Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934, and the Pontiac coach was purchased by Dr. Joseph P. Moran during March of 1934 at Chicago, Illinois.

It is requested that all offices again communicate with the various State Automobile Registration Bureaus and again request that they be notified should either of the two above described automobiles be registered for the year 1935.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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All Field Offices

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1935

Time - 2:30 P.M.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Alt at the Jacksonville Office, he mentioned the above case, and particularly the extensive investigation conducted in that territory relative to the Barkers and to Cassius McDonald. He referred to a telegram which was sent on December 29, 1934 to Blackburn, signed "Cash", and which states that Cash wanted to see Blackburn on Sunday. When the Agents were in Miami investigating this matter, they saw this telegram at the Western Union Telegraph Office in Miami. Mr. Alt stated that they have quite a "pull" at the Western Union office in Jacksonville, and can get anything they want out of that office; however, this is not so in Miami, and they have to have legal process to get this telegram. Cassius McDonald denies that he sent the telegram in question, but it is believed that he did. For this reason, they want to get the original telegram from the Western Union Office in Miami and send it to the laboratory for comparison with the handwriting of McDonald.

Mr. Alt stated that he is unable to get any cooperation from the United States Attorney and his assistants; that Mr. Parrish is down there, and says that they can't get a subpoena for this telegram until the grand jury or the court are in session, and the United States Attorney is afraid to do anything about it. I told him that it appeared to me that the United States Attorney certainly ought to authorize a subpoena for this telegram. Mr. Alt stated that he has spent most of the last four days trying to get the Attorney to do something about this; that all the manager of the Western Union Office in Miami wants is a paper of some kind to protect him while the telegram is out of his office. I suggested that the U. S. Attorney might issue a request subpoena. Mr. Alt stated that he has suggested this to the Attorney, and the Attorney has taken this suggestion under consideration. I instructed Mr. Alt to push the U. S. Attorney on this point, and wire the Bureau if he refuses to issue this request subpoena.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

March 18, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases,  
I. O. 1235; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases,  
I. O. 1237, FUG.; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN  
with aliases, I.O.1232; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I.O.1238; HARRY SAWYER  
with aliases, I.O.1240; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O.1239;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O.1241;  
OLIVER A. BERG with aliases, FUG.; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Confidential informant, [redacted] called at the  
St. Paul Bureau Office during the morning of March 16, 1935,  
and was paid \$20.00 in accordance with Bureau authorization.  
At approximately midnight the same date he returned to the office  
and conversed with the night clerk, at which time the night clerk  
advised that [redacted] smelled of liquor rather strongly. He then  
informed the night clerk that he had definite information that  
HARRY SAWYER and a companion were then in Sioux City, Iowa.  
On the following morning, March 17, 1935, he called at the St. Paul  
Bureau Office again, and informed the writer that he had not been  
able to contact LONNY MILAN as anticipated, but that he had con-  
tacted an individual known to him as "RUSSIAN JOHNNY", a local  
gambler and petty thief, and that this individual informed him  
that he had seen RICHARD PYE, a fugitive under indictment in this  
section on a charge of postoffice burglaries, on the streets of  
Sioux City, Iowa, during the past two weeks. PYE was an associate  
of Thomas Carroll and Charles Fisher. He stated that he is

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unable to secure any information directly regarding SAWYER, but was absolutely sure that any place PYE showed up, SAWYER would be near by. He suggested that it would be well to send him along with an Agent to Sioux City, Iowa, and that he felt sure that he would find SAWYER there. He further advised that Post Office Inspector Streich, who is presently absent from St. Paul, expects to go to Sioux City within the next two weeks to look for PYE. In view of this statement, it would appear that he had information prior to March 16th or 17th that PYE is in Sioux City.

I informed [redacted] that it would not be practical to send him to Sioux City insofar as this Bureau is concerned, and that any travel he performed would have to be on his own initiative. b7c b7d

[redacted] claimed, on leaving the office, that he would continue to make inquiry and would immediately report any information he received. As previously advised, this man has had considerable success as an informant, however, the bad feature is that he is rather talkative and he will disclose anything he knows to practically any police officer. I doubt that the services which [redacted] will be able to render will be of value to the Bureau and under the circumstances I do not feel that it is advisable to advance any additional money to him regardless of the representations he may make in the future.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*

D. M. LADD, *see*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Omaha  
E.J. Connelley

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

RNP:aws

Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Richmond,  
I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of  
criminal record and twenty copies of the photograph as  
appearing in the files of the Identification Division of  
Lloyd Doyle, our file #529844.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.  
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY  
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REKID REFERENCE YOUR LETTER MARCH 16 LAST AUTHORITY  
GRANTED PAY                      SUM NOT EXCEED \$100.00 TO  
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*Edw. J. Bremer*  
*Confidential - Informant*



# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C..

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 15, 1935, relating to the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, Kidnaping, St. Paul File No. 7-30, and particularly to a memorandum referred to therein concerning a statement made by Attorney John DeCourcy of St. Paul. Pursuant to instructions contained in reference letter, the details of the statement made by DeCourcy were given to EDWARD GEORGE BREMER upon his return to St. Paul from the Caribbean Cruise. Mr. DeCourcy was further interviewed by Special Agent John E. Brennan with respect to this matter and stated that he had been informed by some unknown person, who called him on the telephone and whose voice sounded similar to that of the person who had previously called him and retained him to represent ARTHUR BARKER; that BREMER was up for a "take-out" and that while BREMER was being held he had stated to his captors that he was "alright" as the boys had used his bank in disposing of stolen securities; that he, BREMER, had stated to them that he sold stolen securities through HARRY MILLERBERT (evidently meaning HARRY MILLER); that he had handled the money stolen in the Denver Mint Robbery as he was a good friend of DANNY HOGAN and agreed to point out LOUIS CHILL and MYLILLY, president of the First National Bank of St. Paul, one at a golf course on the Jefferson Road in St. Paul and the other at his country home, the Glenmore Chalet; that either of these men would be good for \$500,000.00; that when this amount would be collected that he, BREMER, was to get his \$200,000.00 back; that, accordingly, he would not disclose the identity of his kidnapers should it be known to him, or furnish any information concerning them and that, as he had evidently failed to live up to his part of the transaction, the rest of the mob were going to dispose of him and also prevent his appearance at the trial of ARTHUR BARKER.

This statement of DeCOURCY was not discussed with EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

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In connection therewith, reference is made to the statement obtained from IRENE DORSEY, paramour of FRED GOETZ alias DUTCH ZIEGLER, who related that GOETZ had told her of a conversation he had with BREMER, while BREMER was being held, to the effect that BREMER stated that he was unable to pay the amount of the ransom demanded but could point out to them other persons in St. Paul who would be better able to pay the amount.

Very truly yours,

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JEB:TC

CC Chicago - Connelley

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March 20, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: WALTER HOLLAND with aliases, I. O. #1200; MRS. GEORGE M. CHASE with aliases, I. O. #1199; LLOYD DOYLE with aliases, I. O. #1206; AUGUST LAMER - Victim; Kidnaping (Extortion Through Use of Mail)

Dear Sir:

It is noted from the report of Special Agent J. S. Bush, dated at St. Louis, Missouri March 12, 1935 in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al, EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim, Kidnaping, that it is stated a more recent photograph of Doyle, than the one appearing on Identification Order No. 1206, was obtained from the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department.

Inasmuch as it is contemplated that the Identification Order relative to Doyle will be reissued, it is desired that the Bureau be provided with the latest available photograph of this fugitive.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-16-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-14-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. D. WINE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237 - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>1934 Utah license 116-49 issued to the Regal Cleaning and Dyers, Salt Lake City, discarded February 21, 1935. Mrs. George H. Gilbert or Glidden unknown Salt Lake City Police, Post Office, and at Regal Cleaners and Dyers.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent W. P. Kilwood, Omaha, Nebraska, March 11, 1935.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH</b>			
<p>It was ascertained from the Utah State Motor Vehicle Department, that 1934 license plates 116-49 were issued to the Regal Cleaners and Dyers, 444 East Second South Street, Salt Lake City, and covered a Ford 1/2 ton delivery truck, 1930 model, bearing motor No. 3480036.</p> <p>Discreet inquiry was made at the Salt Lake City Police Department and it was found from Detective John Robertson that the Regal Cleaners and Dyers is a well-established and thoroughly reliable organization owned by Thomas Slater, who is a personal friend of Detective Robertson.</p> <p>The writer, accompanied by Detective Robertson, interviewed Thomas Slater, who related that 1934 Utah license plates 116-49 were issued to one of his delivery trucks; that these plates were on this truck and were discarded, under his direction, on February 21, 1935, when new plates were issued for his motor equipment.</p> <p>Mr. Slater related that he is unacquainted with anyone by the name of Glidden or Mrs. George H. Gilbert; that the license plates in question</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-5126</b> <b>MAR 23 A.M.</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <b>STAT. SEC.</b> FILE	
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upon being removed from his delivery truck were left in a container in the rear of his establishment and probably were picked up and used by some unauthorized person.

Further inquiry was made at the Salt Lake City Police Department from Detectives Tom Dykes, and Lee Daley, and at the Identification Bureau and no information was obtained concerning anyone by the name of Mr. or Mrs. George E. Gilbert or Glidden.

Similar inquiry was made at the Salt Lake City Post Office and General Delivery, Salt Lake City, without locating any current or forwarding address for these persons.

It appears from report of reference that Utah 1934 license plates 116-49 were apparently observed on a private automobile in Sioux City, Ia., during November 1934. As these plates were unquestionably in the custody of the Regal Cleaners and Dyers at that time, it is probable that the numbers on the 1934 license plates were erroneously reported to the Omaha Bureau Office.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:HAM.

March 20, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I. O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my conversation with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau yesterday when several matters were discussed with him and especially the matter of obtaining the telegram which is quoted as follows:

MIAMI, FLORIDA 3 45 PM 12 29 34

T C BLACKBURN  
CARE CARSON BRADFORD  
OKLAHOMA FLORIDA

LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY

CASH.

the original of which is in the files of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, Florida. It will be remembered that Subject Cassius McDonald with aliases, when interviewed, stated that he did not prepare, write or dispatch this telegram. Subject Joe Adams, when interviewed, stated that if it was sent by him it was at McDonald's behest; that he may or may not have written the telegram. This original telegram is desired for a comparison with the handwriting of Cassius McDonald. In the event it can be positively determined that he wrote this telegram directed to T. C. Blackburn (Fred Barker), it will be valuable evidence in McDonald's trial.

Assistant United States Attorney Sanders  
Gramling, at Miami, Florida, up to this time has been unsuccessful in

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obtaining the original telegram. United States Attorney John W. Holland, Jacksonville, advised me today that he was proceeding to Miami tonight and that he, with Mr. Gramling and Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter, will confer immediately upon his arrival and other procedure will be planned to obtain possession of the telegram.

On March eighteenth, Mr. Gramling issued a subpoena duces tecum on W. K. Phillips, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, for the production of original telegram mentioned before the United States District Court, Miami, Florida, on the morning of April 22, 1935, at ten o'clock. At this time, Mr. Gramling addressed a communication to Mr. Phillips requesting the compliance with the subpoena immediately by relinquishing possession of the original telegram. He also telephoned Mr. Phillips and made an oral request that the compliance with the subpoena be completed immediately; however, Mr. Phillips declined to produce the telegram forthwith. Mr. Gramling also prepared a petition to be presented to Federal Judge Ritter praying that an order be issued instructing Mr. Phillips to produce the telegram forthwith. Judge Ritter declined to issue such an order. It was suggested to Mr. Gramling that a complaint be authorized for the purpose of having the original message brought forthwith before the United States Commissioner. He considered this suggestion, but later declined to authorize the complaint, claiming that "no defendant would be before the court", therefore, this procedure could not be followed.

United States Attorney Holland, during his conversation with the writer this morning, stated that he believes that after his arrival at Miami tomorrow, he will be able to arrange some procedure that will result in obtaining the telegram in question.

The Bureau will be advised of developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Mr. Connelley at Chicago  
Saint Paul

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March 28, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

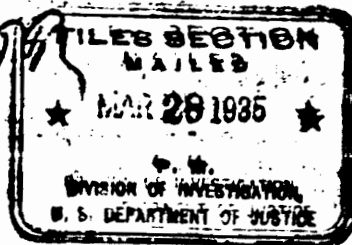
Reference is made to your letter dated March 20,  
1935 regarding the attempts that have been made to obtain  
possession of the original telegram addressed to F. E.  
Blackburn, in care of Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida,  
under date of December 29, 1934 and signed "Cash".

The Bureau feels that in the event you have not  
been successful in obtaining possession of this original  
telegram, a photographic copy should be made of same and  
immediately forwarded to the Bureau, together with specimens  
of the handwriting of Cassius M. McDonald.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley



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P.O.Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 823,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. #1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM J. HAYES,  
with aliases, I.O. #1238; HARRY J. HAYES,  
with aliases, I.O. #1240; WILLIAM J. HAYES,  
SON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE L. LUTON,  
with aliases, I.O. #1241; ALVIN KARPIS, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ST. AL. EDWARD GEORGE BRENNER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested  
that photographs of all defendants in the above entitled matter be se-  
cured, together with the names of the photographers and their respective  
addresses, and that such photographers be interviewed so that the United  
States Attorney may be assured the proof of the photograph will be proper.

Will you kindly obtain the above information with regard to the  
photographs of BRUNO PUTAS, Chicago Police Department #C-41940; OLIVER  
BERG, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, #A-76508; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, #2382, taken 11-17-33; and WILLIAM  
J. HANUSON, Hammond, Indiana, Police Department #1829, taken 11-16-33.

This matter should be given expeditious handling in order to be  
included in the summary reports being prepared by this office.

Very truly yours,

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CC Bureau

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118

Detroit, Michigan

March 1, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 20, 1935, concerning the photographing of latent fingerprints taken from the Plymouth automobile at Monroe, Michigan, in connection with the case entitled, "ALVIN KARPIS with aliases I.O. #1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases I.O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping."

It will be noted in the above referred to Bureau letter that the cut film holder submitted to the Bureau for development of films was found to be empty.

Please be advised that I, personally, handled this matter. When the cut film holder was taken from this office to Monroe, it, apparently, was loaded and there was no outward appearance to indicate that films had not been inserted therein. However, I desire to state that the prints which appeared on the car were all lifted with tape, the result of which was also forwarded to the Bureau, so that the two fingerprint impressions which were photographed were included among the lifted prints.

Upon making inquiry at the office to determine the reason why films had not been placed in the cut film holder, I learned that evidently during the last course of instruction held at this office with regard to lifting and photographing latent fingerprints, this particular cut film holder was used and that same was taken to the Eastman Kodak Company for development and, although the person doing the work for this company had been instructed to place films in this holder, he had evidently failed to do so.

It has always been the custom at this office to have films placed in the holder at the time the used films are being developed and this evidently was the first time that we experienced anything along this line.

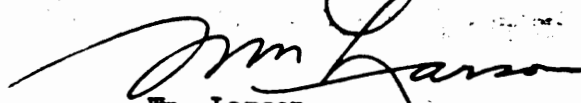
*Sloppy, careless, slipshod  
and stupid handling of an  
important investigation  
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*Earl*  
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Arrangements now have been made, however, to definitely determine that the cut film holder is loaded, rather than to take it for granted that such is the case.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WL:AM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FROM: UNIT #1 & UNIT #3

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TO: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
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E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.



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March 16, 1935.

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Mr. William Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box #2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

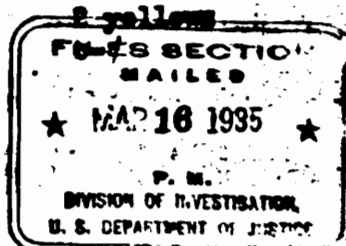
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 1, 1935 setting forth an explanation of your failure to properly examine the photographic equipment before taking photographs of the latent fingerprints found on the Flye mouth automobile believed to have been abandoned by Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell near Monroe, Michigan. I cannot too strongly express my displeasure over such gross carelessness as has been exhibited in this instance. Not only should you exercise diligence and thoroughness in the more important cases under investigation by this Bureau, but the same degree of care should be exercised in all cases.

I must again emphasize that you, as Special Agent in Charge, are held personally responsible for the proper upkeep of all equipment at your office and you must see that it is kept in condition and ready for use at all times.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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March 20, 1935

Director  
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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I. O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

The Bureau has been advised previously that W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney in Miami, has requested that he be furnished with all previous reports in this case, and that he desires additional investigation in Miami, Florida, and Havana, Cuba; that the persons previously interviewed by Agents Brown and McKee in Havana be re-interviewed and the persons interviewed in Miami by other Agents be re-contacted. Special Agent R. B. Donaldson is presently in Miami, Florida with all pertinent reports in this case conferring with Mr. Gramling to ascertain just what additional investigation he desires made and which of the prospective witnesses in Miami and Havana are to be re-interviewed. Mr. Gramling advised Agent Donaldson that his knowledge of the case was limited to the contents of the reports submitted by the Jacksonville Office covering the investigation made by Special Agent in Charge Hanson, in Miami, and Special Agents R. D. Brown and S. K. McKee in Havana. He stated that the case in his opinion is based purely on circumstantial evidence and further as the case now stands he is doubtful whether convictions can be secured.

Agent Donaldson then inquired of Mr. Gramling what further and additional investigation he believed would be necessary. He continued that the Cuban witnesses should be given further attention and gave in support of same the following, based on past experiences in practicing law in Cuba: it is highly necessary to secure statements from prospective witnesses of this type in question and answer form, as Latins are highly imaginative and often biased in

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in their testimony because of friendships, prejudices, etc., and that testimony of such witnesses often proves embarrassing under cross examination. By this procedure, the value or lack of value of a witness may often be determined in advance. In the opinion of Mr. Gramling, the matter of clearing up the situation is warranted by reason of expense and difficulty in arranging for and bringing to Miami the foreign witnesses, stating that arrangements in this connection will have to be perfected through the Department of State.

*Investigation*

Referring to the Miami angle of the investigation, Mr. Gramling stated that he is apprehensive about the effect that character witnesses on behalf of defendant Joe Adams will have on the jury, therefore, in this connection he believes some evidence tending to refute this line of testimony should be dug up. The only suggestion Mr. Gramling offered was that evidence tending to show what type of man Adams really is, and evidence to show that he had operated or was permitted to operate in days gone by a gambling place in his hotel, be secured. This might offset character testimony. Mr. Gramling states that he knows this would be difficult to develop as most of those who could give such testimony are too deep in other questionable deals to take the chance on giving such testimony.

*Jury*

Mr. Gramling also referred to the jury that will be selected to try this case. He advised that he intends to urge Federal Judge Ritter to order the panel drawn by April fifteenth and that it will be composed of fifty to seventy-five persons residing at various points in Dade and six other counties in the Miami Division of the Southern District of Florida. He also advised that he intends to take up with the Department the matter of having the Bureau instructed to investigate this jury panel, said investigation to start immediately subsequent to the drawing of the panel.

As to other Miami investigation, Mr. Gramling stated that "Gray should be worked over some more". (It will be remembered L. E. Gray was a clerk in the El Comodoro Hotel when the mob was checking in and out of that place.) Mr. Gramling did not indicate what additional information he expected from Gray, but did say that he now believes that Gray should have been indicted.

Mr. Gramling urged that the particular Agents who made the original investigation in Miami and Havana and who are familiar with the case, should be assigned to carry out these angles.

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Relative to previous reports, Mr. Gramling advised that he has conferred with Mr. Frank Parish of the Criminal Division of the Department, and Mr. Parish agreed that he, Gramling, should have full knowledge of the kidnaping as he can use this in a general way, especially in his talk to the jury. Mr. Gramling was advised by Agent Donaldson that the files in this matter were voluminous and dealt largely with efforts at apprehension. To this he replied that he wanted reports showing the history of the actual kidnaping, dates; that money was paid and other data to prove that a kidnaping had occurred. Further, he desired data or an outline of evidence in the Bureau's possession to connect Karpis, et al, with the actual kidnaping. Also, he thinks he should be supplied with data we have compiled on the flight of the original defendants, namely Karpis, Campbell, etc., from state to state. In this connection, he referred to the Cleveland, Ohio, episode, saying he knew nothing of that. Among other things mentioned by Mr. Gramling was "I don't know the connection of Karpis or how to prove he is the man named in the indictment in Saint Paul".

It appears that Mr. Parish has informed Mr. Gramling that a Special Attorney from the Department will be sent to Miami to assist in the case. This assistant, according to Gramling, will be put to work on the details, such as getting some of the indictments rewritten, preparing legal and trial briefs, etc.; however, Mr. Gramling says that he will try the case.

Later, on March nineteenth, supplementing the above information, Mr. Gramling advised that during the night of March eighteenth, he began to study the reports of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and R. D. Brown and now can see many holes we have to plug with investigation, both in Miami and in Cuba. Mr. Gramling enumerated about a dozen items, stating that he was only on page forty of Hanson's report. Agent Donaldson requested Mr. Gramling to furnish him at the earliest possible moment, after he had reviewed reports submitted to him, with a memorandum in duplicate setting out all the things that he believed necessary so that his request could be given proper attention at once. Mr. Gramling agreed to complete his study and comply with Agent Donaldson's suggestion. As soon as Mr. Gramling's memorandum is received, the Bureau will be advised.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

7-24  
CC Saint Paul  
E. J. Connelley at Chicago



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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL:~~

March 22, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to my personal and confidential letter of March 14, 1935, to which was attached a letter to the Bureau relative to this case and its present status in Florida with respect to prosecution.

Since that communication was forwarded to the Bureau I have been endeavoring to ascertain from W. Sanders Gramling, Assistant United States Attorney at Miami, Florida, just what supplemental and additional investigation he desires and believes necessary to successfully prosecute the defendants charged in indictments in Florida, with harboring Karpis.

Several days ago I sent Special Agent W. B. Donaldson, who is familiar with this case, to Miami to confer with Mr. Gramling for the purpose of ascertaining just what additional evidence he desired. From time to time for four days Agent Donaldson contacted Mr. Gramling, and only today did the latter advise what additional investigation he desired.

Mr. Gramling came to Jacksonville today and spent the entire morning with me discussing the case, and the investigation made in Miami and Havana as reflected in reports of Bureau Agents, and the additional investigation he desires made in these two Cities.

During this conference with Mr. Gramling Agent Donaldson was present. It was only too apparent that Mr. Gramling knows little of what the prosecution is "all about"; that he is finding fault with the investigations as reflected in the reports so as to establish an alibi in the event of unsuccessful prosecutions. He stated that the investigative reports contain but little information that will be value as evidence at the trials.

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TO DIRECTOR:  
3-22-35

He was extremely critical of the reports and it was apparent, as will be noted in the enclosed letter to me, dated March 22, 1935, the original and a duplicate of which are being enclosed for your information, that he was seeking to find errors in the reports rather than evidence. He pointed out one or two errors that are of no consequence whatsoever, such as the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hansen, dated February 20, 1935, on Page 10, which shows one of the Banks mentioned as closed, while in fact it has never been closed.

Mr. Gramling argued that from the information in reports in his possession an unsuccessful prosecution would result. It appears that he is not endeavoring to use the evidence in these reports to obtain a successful prosecution.

He stated that he had caused the indictments to be returned based solely on the information furnished by Mr. Hansen before the investigation was completed and before reports had been submitted; that Mr. Hansen assured him that the evidence uncovered would back up and substantiate the charges alleged in the indictments, and that it now develops that this is not true; that the case as developed by investigation established little more than probable cause.

He also said that after the indictments had been returned the Bureau had withdrawn all Agents familiar with the investigation in Havana and Miami, and that all intensive investigation had ceased, and now he firmly believes that no indictment should have been returned, since the evidence is lacking to substantiate the charges.

You will note from the attached letter, in which Mr. Gramling outlines the additional investigation he desires, he is most unreasonable in many of his requests. At one point he suggested the employment by the Bureau of a Cuban to conduct or assist in conducting the investigation in Havana.

Both Mr. Gramling and United States Attorney John W. Holland, had suggested that the Agents who made the original investigation in Miami and Havana, be assigned to conduct the additional investigation requested and that these Agents confer with them before commencing. They also suggested that some Agent familiar with the background and history of this case be assigned to go over the entire case with them, and the Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who has been assigned to assist in the prosecution, and that they be furnished with a summary report, showing each step from the beginning of the offense, "the kidnapping", the part that each defendant played in this, and the evidence of their flight since the initiation of prosecution.

TO DIRECTOR  
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In addition to the investigation outlined in the enclosed letter Mr. Gramling stated that he desires evidence to show that Karpis using the alias E. M. Wagner (Waggoner) who is alleged to have been harbored and concealed by the Florida defendants in Miami, is actually the Karpis, who is named in the indictment and charged with others for the kidnaping of Bremer.

He also desires the names of witnesses who appeared before the Grand Jury at St. Paul, who can identify Karpis, alias Wagner (Waggoner) as the man who was indicted at St. Paul; he also desires witnesses to prove that the photograph of Karpis, alias Wagner (Waggoner) exhibited to prospective witnesses by Agents in Havana and Miami, is the Karpis indicted for the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul.

He stated that he should also have evidence with reference to the identification of the notes that were paid for Bremer's release. He desires a chain of this evidence; that is, who made and prepared the package, who listed the serial numbers of the notes, who delivered the money, to whom paid, and the dates.

In conclusion Mr. Gramling stated that to obtain successful prosecutions in Florida, he believed that his request for additional investigation was fair and reasonable; that he had discussed the contents of the enclosed letter, and the additional investigation he was requesting with Mr. Frank Parrish, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, who, for several days, has been in Miami with him conferring as to the evidence at hand that will be used during the trials, and that Mr. Parrish had assured him that his desires and requests were most reasonable.

Mr. Gramling is well known to me and I indicated to him diplomatically and discreetly, but firmly, that many of his requests appeared to be not only unreasonable, but beyond reason, but that all he had suggested in the way of additional investigation would be carefully considered and weighed and passed upon and that all within reason that could be done from an investigative standpoint, would be undertaken to obtain successful prosecutions.

It appears that he also has in mind, very definitely, to request an investigation of the entire Jury panel that will be drawn for the trials of the cases in Miami, Florida. Personally I think this procedure is absurd. It was mentioned in my letter to the Bureau on March 20, 1935.

TO DIRECTOR  
3-22-35

Concerning the subject matter of this letter, I will appreciate the Bureau's advice as soon as possible, and of course, will be governed by its instructions.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Jax # 7-24



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Jacksonville, March 22, 1935.

Mr. R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: Joe H. Adams, et al.  
Your case No. Jax 7-45.

Dear Mr. Alt:

Supplementing our letter of March 9th, relative to the above matter, in which certain additional investigation was suggested, we have further examined the case reports and find that there is still further matter which we believe should be supplied and investigated.

① There nowhere appears in any of the case reports which have been submitted to us any recitation of evidence to be produced showing that the Alvin Karpis indicted at St. Paul for conspiracy to kidnap Edward George Bremer is in fact the man who went by the name Wagner in Florida and Cuba, nor does it appear from the case reports that we would be able to identify him as that person except by conclusion of the agent making the report.

② Throughout the report there appear references to one Willie Harrison who apparently had some connection with the kidnapping and, due to his prominence in the matter, it would appear that he might be the Harrison who was indicted, together with Alvin Karpis alias Alvin Karpavics, in Minnesota under the name of William J. Harrison alias "Willie" alias Elmer Howe, and, if he is that person, then it would appear that we should be able to identify him in some definite manner, though that does not appear from the case report. On the other hand, however, if he is not the same man who has been indicted and who may be one of the fugitives, then we

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believe that his connection should be ascertained by investigation, and the importance of his connection should be revealed.

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Throughout the reports of Agent R. D. Brown and Agent J. H. Hanson, at various places, mention is made of a connection existing or claimed to exist between the defendant, Cassius McDonald and Jefferson Caffrey, the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Cuba, and United States Consul General to the Republic of Cuba, Cameron, which references could but lead a reader of the reports to believe that some investigation should be conducted to determine accurately what that connection is, and what knowledge those officers of the United States might have of the defendant McDonald; furthermore, as appears on page 3 of the report of Agent L. B. Nichols, it has been suggested by the Honorable F. T. Dumont, formerly United States Consul General to the Republic of Cuba, that the official files of the American Consulate Embassy in Havana might reveal important information in regard to McDonald.

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On page 6 of the report of Agent L. B. Nichols, it appears that the defendant McDonald claims to have been investigated by the Department of Justice heretofore, which item, we believe, should be investigated to determine the fact or fiction thereof and the importance, if any, of that investigation.

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On page 10 of the report of Agent R. D. Brown, on the Cuban angle of this matter, there appears a reference to a certain safety deposit box in the National City Bank, Havana Branch, same being numbered 344, as to which we wonder if the box itself were at any time fingerprinted to determine whether Alvin Karpis' fingerprints appeared thereon.

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In the last mentioned report on pages 15 and 16, there appears a reference to unusual shipments by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia, through its Havana, Cuba, Branch, to the Redemption Division of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., of five and ten dollar notes of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; therefore, we wonder if the Treasury Department's Redemption Division has recovered and identified any of the ransom money referred to in the report, such references, we presume, are to ransom money paid for

the release of Bremer. It appears that certain ransom notes paid for the release of the victim Bremer were found at the Havana Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank and we suggest that steps be taken to insure our ability to obtain such notes as evidence.

We note from the report of Agent R. D. Brown that the National City Bank, Havana Branch, has on hand certain ransom notes paid for the release of the victim Bremer and we suggest that arrangements be made to obtain those notes for use as evidence, together with any such notes held elsewhere in Cuba, if any.

On page 19 of the report of Agent Brown, we note that one Manual Dupont, who was employed by the people alleged to be Karpis and the Delaney woman, was not shown a picture of the Delaney woman for full identification; however, in the event the Delaney woman pleads guilty that would not be necessary, though, on the same page of the report, it appears that Karpis employed a Chinese cook and a young Cuban girl to work at the house; therefore, since it does not appear from the case report that these parties were interviewed, we suggest that such interviews be had and they be thoroughly interrogated regarding all phases of this case.

On page 21 of the report of Agent Brown, it appears that one George Harris and wife visited at Veradero Beach with the alleged Karpis and Delaney; therefore, since it does not appear that this visit was checked up on we would suggest that such investigation be completed.

From the report of Agent Brown, on page 22 thereof, it appears that the periodical "El Avance" for December 4, 1934, contained the picture of Alvin Karpis. However, it does not appear that Heller was ever interrogated to determine whether he read this paper or had seen the same, nor does it appear that investigation was made to determine whether Heller was in the habit of reading that periodical, which we would suggest having done and, at the same time, the paper would be of evidentiary value.

On page 28 of Agent Brown's report, it appears that McDonald had some correspondence with Senator Couzens of Michigan, and we would suggest that Senator Couzens be inter-

viewed relative to any knowledge he may have of McDonald.

13/ On page 29 of the last mentioned report, it appears that a gambler, Jimenez, and a police officer named (what appears from the case report, though the same is blurred) to be Goazles, which was probably meant to be Gonzales, were visitors of McDonald at the Presidente Hotel, but it does not appear that these persons have been checked up on, and we would, therefore, suggest that they be interrogated.

14/ Agent Brown's report, on pages 31 and 32, reveals inquiry of a certain taxi driver in Havana named Agustin Cacho Negrete, who, Agent Brown expressed the opinion, had not revealed all that he knew. Therefore, it would appear that further investigation might be had to determine whether this man could be brought on to talk relative to the activities of McDonald.

7/ On page 47 of Agent Brown's report, there appears investigation of one of the employees of the Park View Hotel; however, it would appear to the writer that all employees of the Park View Hotel should have been investigated and that those having no love for Heller might give some valuable information.

15/ On page 63 of Agent Brown's report, there is reference to a reported deal carried on by Rane Bolivar and a man named Ortega; however, it does not appear that that deal has been sifted and investigated to determine any facts which might be revealed through Ortega or through further questioning of Bolivar.

17/ In further regard to the moneys which are being held in Cuba, and which are purported to be ransom notes, it would, if they are to be used in evidence, be necessary for us to be able to positively, by direct evidence, identify the money, which information, we believe, should be at least available for us.

16/ In regard to the report of Special Agent in Charge, J. H. Hanson, which was relative to the Miami angle of the investigation, it appears on page 5 thereof that, in November,

1934, and the first part of December of that year, Agents C. G. Campbell and C. O. Hurt interviewed one L. E. Gray, Assistant Manager of the El Commodore Hotel, and showed him certain photographs. However, it does not appear from the case report that the picture of Karpis was, at any time, shown to this man, nor does it appear that he was advised as to their identity and history.

19/ On page 10 of Mr. Hanson's report, in item numbered 13, there appears a reference to the Miami Beach First National Bank, which erroneously stated to have been closed and out of business, whereas, in fact, this institution is still in existence and daily transacting business, having been closed only during the moratorium. Error so it fact N.E.

20/ On pages 14 and 15 of the report last referred to, there appears a certain letter purported to have been found at the house located at 1121 N.E. 85th Street, with which there is a note that a typewriter located in the office of Nathaniel H. Heller, Manager of the Park View Hotel, is similar to that used in writing the letter; however, it does not appear that this angle was followed to a conclusion.

21/ On page number 29 of Mr. Hanson's report, and in the statement of Terese Carmichael, who was employed at the house at 85th Street, N.E., there appears a reference to friends having called to visit the people named Green, but no particular interrogation appears to have been made to determine the identity of such friends, nor does it appear that the witness was ever interrogated as to the subjects of conversation had between such friends and the occupants of the house.

22/ On page 83 of Mr. Hanson's report, it appears that one George Wilson, Manager of the El Commodore Coffee Shop, was interrogated; however, it appears on page 97 of the same report that L. E. Gray, Assistant Manager of the El Commodore Hotel, made the statement that he had informed Wilson of the fact of the agents having interrogated him on the evening of January 16, 1935, and that Wilson then informed T. R. Knight of that fact. However, it does not appear that Wilson was ever interrogated relative to the conversation had with Mr. Knight in this regard, and as Mr. Knight is the father-in-law

23/ of the defendant Adams, it would appear that this should be material, especially in view of the fact that Knight is also Adams' employer.

2x It does not appear at any place that Mr. Knight was ever interrogated relative to having talked with Adams in regard to the identity of Karpis and other members of the alleged kidnapping gang.

7x On page 130 of Mr. Hanson's report, it appears that certain correspondence indicated that McDonald had communicated with one Mario Artesiano of Havana, and we believe that this connection should be investigated.

7 From the case reports it is impossible for us to determine whether or not the defendant McDonald at any time contacted Karpis or any one connected with him, nor does it appear that McDonald at any time conspired, combined, confederated, agreed, or otherwise communicated with other alleged conspirators.

We wonder if any evidence can be produced to show that T. Robert Knight informed the defendant Adams of his conversation with L. E. Gray.

We would like to have some evidence that Adams, the defendant, knew the identity and history of the man alleged to be Karpis prior to January 16, 1935, if such evidence is available.

We wonder if it would be possible to determine whether or not the defendant N. H. Heller was advised as to the identity of Karpis during the time that Karpis was in Cuba.

We wonder if any evidence can be produced to show that the defendants Adams, McDonald, Randall, and Heller, were aware that process for the apprehension and arrest of Alvin Karpis, with aliases, had been issued in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

1 We would like to know if Karpis was indicted in Minnesota for violation of the state laws against kidnapping, and if he is wanted in that state by state authorities.



In view of the fact set forth in the report of Agent R. D. Brown that Mrs. Leonora Caldwell, Bermudez, had notified American Vice Consul at Matanzas, Cuba, of the presence of Alvin Karpis alias Alvin Karpavics, and, thereafter, was advised to communicate that information to the American Embassy in Havana, and apparently the Vice Consul took no steps to apprehend Karpis, we would suggest that investigation be had to determine whether or not it was disclosed and made known to some one of the judges or other persons in civil or military and under the United States that Alvin Karpis alias Alvin Karpavics was in the state of Florida prior to the information given to Agent Hanson by Miami police officers after the Agent Hanson arrived in Miami.

It might be well to advise you that T. Robert Knight, hereinabove referred to, on March 19, 1935, at about 4:30 P.M. called at this office and interviewed the writer relative to these cases, and particularly that against Joe H. Adams, at which interview Mr. Knight stated that he was convinced that Adams had no knowledge of the identity and history of Karpis, or any other person connected with the matter; furthermore, he criticized the officers who were in the El Comodoro Hotel in November and December for their failure to warn the hotel and Mr. Knight of such desperate characters.

Mr. Knight suggested to the writer that the attorneys representing Adams and Mr. Knight had intimated that the claims would be set forth that the officers of the Division of Investigation who participated in the shooting affray at Oklawaha, Florida, used exceedingly bad judgment and apparently he meant to convey to the writer that they would make that affair appear to be one of deliberate and malicious butcher and murder, though he did not use the exact words in which the writer has set forth this thought.

We are further informed that the Honorable Mark Wilcox, member of the United States House of Representatives from Florida, who is a close relative of Knight's, and former employer of Mrs. Adams, who also is Knight's daughter, would be brought to Miami for the trial of Adams, whether as counsel or witness he did not reveal.

P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 2118,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. #1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1237; FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM TRAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1236; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRI-  
SON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE L. TUN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested  
that photographs of all defendants in the above entitled matter be se-  
cured, together with the names of the photographers and their respective  
addresses, and that such photographers be interviewed so that the United  
States Attorney may be assured the proof of the photograph will be proper.

Will you kindly obtain the above information with regard to the  
photographs of ELMER BURDETTE, Cleveland Police Department #43237;  
PAUL HARRISON, Cleveland Police Department #43238; and CLAUDE SAWYER,  
Cleveland Police Department #43239.

This matter should be given expeditious handling in order to be  
included in the summary reports being prepared by this office.

Very truly yours,

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D.M. LADD,

Special Agent in Charge.

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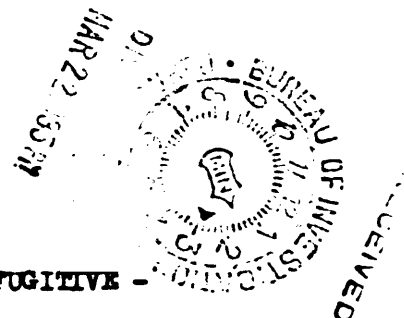
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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 20, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I. O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my report of March 13, 1935, in which it is stated that Dolores De Laney and Wynona Burdette, Subjects held in the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville, when interviewed on March twelfth had positively stated that when arraigned on the charges pending against them in the Southern District of Florida, they would plead guilty. A copy of this report was furnished to the United States Attorney at Jacksonville, after which he informed that he would immediately begin arrangements to have these two women enter their pleas of guilty in Federal Court at Jacksonville rather than be removed or returned to Miami for this purpose.

Today, John W. Holland, United States Attorney, here, informed that Judge Halsted L. Ritter, Federal Judge at Miami, had stated that it would be quite satisfactory to him if these two women were arraigned in Federal Court and pleaded guilty before Judge Louie Strum at Jacksonville; however, when Mr. Holland presented this matter to Judge Strum, the latter stated that this is primarily a Miami case and that under no circumstances would he accept the pleas of De Laney and Burdette; that he could not understand their having been removed to Jacksonville, since it appeared to him the jail on the eighteenth floor of the Court House at Miami, was much safer for their secure incarceration than was the jail at Jacksonville.

In view of the above, Mr. Holland stated that he was making arrangements with the Marshal to have De Laney and Burdette removed to Miami to enter their pleas of guilty. The arrangements effected now are that the United States Marshal will depart from Jacksonville Sunday night, March twenty-fourth, arriving Miami, Monday morning, March twenty-

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fifth, when these two defendants will be immediately taken into court for arraignment, after which the Marshal is to remove them immediately to the institutions to which they will be sentenced, if such sentence is imposed.

The Bureau will be kept advised concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC E. J. Connelley at Chicago  
Saint Paul

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 20, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Post Office Box 639,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases; I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I. O. 1234; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, I. O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241;  
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

With reference to your letter of March 12, 1935, referring to  
the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearley, Jacksonville, Florida, dated  
November 22, 1934, reporting results of his investigation at Jacksonville  
in an attempt to ascertain the present whereabouts of Mrs. Nettie Tucker,  
it being recalled that toll calls were made from William J. Harrison's  
residence at 310 West Mason Street, Calumet City, Illinois, to Jackson-  
ville 5-4584-W on April 14, 19, 20 and 21, 1935, and that a call was made  
by Mrs. Tucker from this telephone at Jacksonville to Harrison's telephone  
at Calumet City.

Pursuant to your suggestion investigation was made at Savannah,  
Georgia by Agent L. E. Kingman, endeavoring to locate Harry Tucker to  
ascertain whether William Harrison is presently in touch with him or has  
contacted him in the past.

Agent Kingman has reported in his memorandum of March 18, 1935,  
that he made a discreet and careful investigation concerning Harry Tucker,  
and his wife, Nettie, at Savannah. Tucker's name has been mentioned in  
several reports recently concerning hi-jacking of liquor trucks. He has  
associated at times with Dewey Tidwell, well known Savannah bootlegger  
and hi-jacker; also with Wilson Jenkins and his brother, Richard Jenkins,  
liquor smugglers and runners.

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TO MR. CONNELLEY,  
3-20-35

Agent Kingman has learned that Tucker is best known by E. A. Fitzgerald, Sergeant of Detectives. The Jacksonville Office maintains most cordial relations with this Officer, and has found him to be reliable, dependable and loyal to this Bureau.

With Fitzgerald Agent Kingman visited all of the known haunts of the above type of people at Savannah and vicinity.

Harry Tucker answers closely the description given in your letter. The freckles are specially noticeable, according to Officer Fitzgerald.

He also informed that about two years ago Tucker married a widow, Nettie Cameron, nee Nettie Lamon. She is the sister of John E. Lamon, alias "Doty" Lamon, the proprietor of the Rhinehoff saloon in Savannah, which is located a half block from the Post Office. Nettie Tucker's father is not a politician, but her father-in-law, James Cameron, Sr., is employed in the City Treasurer's Office. She has a daughter, age about 8 or 9 years, who lives with the paternal grandparents at Savannah. While Nettie was a widow she worked for a while at the City Hall. Her uncle by marriage, Tom Cameron, is a veteran member of the Savannah Police Department.

For about twenty months Harry and Nettie Tucker have been living in or near Jacksonville, Florida. James W. Rogers, Lieut. of Police, lives near the Camerons and his children play with Nettie's daughter. Through this source, by discreet inquiry, it was learned that Harry and Nettie Tucker presently receive their mail through the Hollins Hotel at Jacksonville, but do not live there. They are reported as living on the outskirts of Jacksonville. They visit Savannah occasionally and are difficult to locate in Jacksonville.

Officers Rogers and Fitzgerald have agreed to inform Agent Kingman when the Tucker's are in Savannah. Officer Fitzgerald was furnished with a picture of William Harrison and he can be depended upon to keep any information confidential.

Investigation will be made in Jacksonville to obtain some data on Tucker. It is believed that Tucker has been assisting in several of the hi-jacking cases which have taken place in Georgia and Southern South Carolina.

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TO MR. CONNELLEY  
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Any developments in this matter will be reported promptly.

I might add that in the case of "CHARLES McDERMOTT, with aliases, KNVTA," of which Cincinnati is the Office of Origin, that an investigation has been made in the City of Jacksonville pursuant to request in a letter from the Cincinnati Office, dated January 21, 1935, endeavoring to obtain information as to the location of one Howard Douglas Vice, who escaped from the Newport, Kentucky Jail on September 9, 1934, while awaiting trial under indictment for the murder of one Charles LaPata on February 22, 1934.

In this case the report of Special Agent H. M. Eubank of the Jacksonville Office, dated March 13, 1935, reflects that he contacted Lealie Royal, Burbridge Hotel, Jacksonville, who is well known to the Jacksonville Office. Royal stated that he knew Vice in Cincinnati by the name of Mr. Howard, but that he did not learn his real name until the police at Jacksonville questioned him concerning Vice.

Royal also stated that he knew Harry and Nettie Tucker, and that he last heard of them about three weeks prior to the interview, and that the report was that they were in Savannah. He stated that Nettie Tucker's family lives there, but he did not know her name. The Jacksonville Office has been endeavoring to locate Harry and Nettie Tucker for information as to the present whereabouts of Vice.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division ✓  
St. Paul  
New York  
Philadelphia  
Los Angeles.

fax # 7-24  
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P. O. Box 1235

Butte, Montana, March 13, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
(Special Assignment)  
P. O. Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;  
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MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
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Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 1935, in the above-captioned case, in which it is shown that a mail tracing has been received from the Post Office at Aurora, Illinois, showing that Mrs. Violet Gregg, Glasgow, Montana, General Delivery, received a letter with the return card showing the name, Emma Gregg, 303 South Broadway, Aurora, Illinois, stamped at Aurora, Illinois, February 19, 1935, I would respectfully state that this mail has been a cover upon it for some time and has been in charge of Special Agent George Costello. The mail cover is continuing.

Also your letter of March 14, 1935, in which attention is called to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 11, 1935, page 7, in which reference is made to the possibility of Volney Davis going to Coulee Dam, Montana, I would respectfully state that so far as we have been able to ascertain there is no Coulee Dam in either Montana or Idaho. There is a Grand Coulee Dam in the State of Washington, I believe.

Very truly yours,

R. E. DICKSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Washington, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/21/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/11/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. P. BURRUS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. #1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. #1240; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject William J. Harrison, U. S. Navy enlistment, Serial #171-27-28, on 12/1/24, made application for adjusted compensation certificate; mother Mrs. May Harrison named as beneficiary, address 4539 Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; application witnessed by Edward Regan Moore, 4520 McKinley Avenue, and by Clemence Charles Le Bayly, 4422 Locust Avenue, both at St. Louis, Missouri. On 7/22/27 borrowed \$45 on certificate - check sent to Subject Harrison at 21 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. On 4/2/31 borrowed \$205.40 on certificate - check mailed to 403 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. In May 1927, Subject's address (Harrison's) was 952 Edgecombe Place, Chicago, Illinois. "FLASH" placed in Veterans Administration file and U. S. Navy Department file to notify Washington Field Office when there is any subsequent communication from Subject Harrison.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated March 8, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>Through the cooperation of Mr. J. Herbert Taylor, Identification Division, U. S. Navy Department, it was ascertained that Subject William J. Harrison, Navy Serial #171-27-28, submitted an application for adjusted compensation on December 1, 1924, the application bearing #300994. This application was witnessed</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Keith</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 22 1935</b>	
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by the two persons listed below who state that they have been acquainted with Subject Harrison for a number of years:

Edward Regan Moore, 4520 McKinley Avenue,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Clemente Charles La Bayly, 4422 Laclede  
Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

On May 22, 1927, Subject Harrison communicated with the Navy Department at which time his address was given as 959 Edgecombe Place, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Taylor was requested to place a "FLASH" notice in the file pertaining to Subject Harrison to notify the Washington Field Office upon receipt of any subsequent communication from him.

Through the cooperation of [redacted] Solicitor's Office, Veterans Administration, it was ascertained that on the adjusted compensation certificate issued to Subject Harrison, he named as beneficiary thereto his [redacted]

It will be noted that Identification Order #1239 pertaining to Subject Harrison refers to his parents as being Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrison, Sr.

The Veterans Administration file pertaining to Subject Harrison indicates that on July 22, 1927, he negotiated a loan of \$45.00 on his adjusted compensation certificate through the regional office of the Veterans Administration at Chicago, Illinois. A check in that amount was mailed to him at 21 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois. On April 2, 1931, Subject Harrison negotiated a loan of \$205.40 on his adjusted compensation certificate through the Veterans Administration's regional office at Hines, Illinois. A check in that amount was mailed to him at 403 West State Street, Calumet City, Illinois.

Mr. Barnes placed a "FLASH" notice in the compensation file pertaining to Subject Harrison to notify the Washington Field Office upon receipt of any further communications from him.

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THE ST. PAUL OFFICE

The attention of this office is invited to the fact that in 1927 Subject Harrison named [REDACTED] as beneficiary as follows:

[REDACTED] On Identification Order #1239 his parents are referred to as Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrison Sr.

The matter of setting out leads for investigations at the numerous localities mentioned above where Subject Harrison received checks and mail and the question of discreetly locating and interviewing Edward Regan Moore and Clemence Charles La Bayly at St. Louis, Missouri, is being left to the discretion of the St. Paul Office for further instructions. This action is being taken by the Washington Field Office due to the fact that it cannot be established from the files here whether investigations have been previously made at these addresses.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237 - FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232;  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1233;  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.

Dear Sir:

For your information, please be advised that information was received by this office on March 14, 1935, that on February 18, 1935, a man driving a 1934 Black Ford V-8 coupe bearing 1935 District of Columbia license plates #156-107 claiming to be enroute from Washington, D. C. to Chicago, Ill., purchased gasoline at a filling station in Mansfield, Ohio. The station was attended by L. W. Hartman and Dennis Schoenauer, who identified this individual as Alvin Karpis from photographs.

They stated that in the rear compartment of the car they observed two empty mail bags. This occurred about 7:30 P.M. About 8:00 P.M., this individual registered at the Tourist Home of Mrs. A. V. Spriggin, R.F.D. #4, Ashland Road and East 3rd St., Mansfield, Ohio, placing the car in her garage and departing about 8:00 P.M. the next morning. This individual registered under the name of Edmund M. Kegarise, New Castle, Pa., and claimed to be an air mail pilot flying out of Washington, D. C. but was then enroute to Chicago, Ill. He stated his home was in New Castle where his parents reside. The morning that this man departed Mrs. Spriggin observed a photograph of Karpis and is of the opinion this individual was Karpis. Local authorities at Mansfield attempted to locate him while at Mansfield, but were unsuccessful. The handwriting on the register of Kegarise does not appear to be that of Karpis.

It should be noted that Hartman, Schoenauer and Mrs. Spriggin appear to have vivid imaginations, but it is believed the identity of

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Edmund M. Kegarise, should be established to determine positively whether he is or is not Karpis therefore it is requested that it be determined to whom 1935 District of Columbia License plates 186-107, for the purpose of elimination.

Very truly yours,

DEH:RES

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Chicago  
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Pittsburgh

Wm. L. Larnes

Special Agent in Charge



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1935

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *file*

Re: Bremer Case.

*Edmund Bremer*

I telephoned Mr. Eubank at the Jacksonville Office to ascertain definitely if Dolores Delaney is yet incarcerated in the jail there or if she has been released. Mr. Eubank asked one of the men in the office, and then called the office of the United States Marshal there, and ascertained definitely that Dolores Delaney is still in jail.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
E. A. TAMM

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1156,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. #1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1236; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O. #1241; OLIVER ALBERTO, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KID APING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -  
NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested that  
photographs of all defendants in the above entitled matter be secured,  
together with the names of the photographers and their respective addresses,  
and that such photographers be interviewed so that the United States At-  
torney may be assured the proof of the photograph will be proper.

Will you kindly obtain the above information with regard to the  
photographs of HARRY SAWYER alias HARRY J. PORCHE, Omaha Police Department  
#6463; and PHILIP DELANEY, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department #5410.

This matter should be given expeditious handling in order to be in-  
cluded in the summary reports being prepared by this office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LIND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 2457,  
St.Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O./1218,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O./1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O./1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O./1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O./1238; HARRY CARTER, with  
aliases, I.O./1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O./1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O./1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St.Paul File No.7-50.

The United States Attorney at St.Paul, Minnesota, has requested  
that a road map, showing the condition of the roads in the State of  
Illinois during the months of January and February, 1934, be obtained  
and that the name of the proper witness to identify this map also be  
obtained. He also requests that inquiry be made as to whether or not  
such a witness would expect expert witness fees.

Will you please obtain this map, or these maps, and the name and  
address of the person qualified to identify them from the Highway De-  
partment of the State of Illinois?

This matter should be given expeditious handling in order to be  
included in the summary reports being prepared by this office.

Very truly yours,

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D.K.LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

March 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1236; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237; FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH  
P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM HEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases,  
I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239;  
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; OLIVER A. BORG,  
with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.  
St.Paul File No. 9-30

The United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has requested that  
photographs of all defendants in the above entitled matter be secured, to-  
gether with the names of the photographers and their respective addresses,  
and that such photographers be interviewed so that the United States Attorney  
may be assured the proof of the photograph will be proper.

Will you kindly obtain the above information with regard to the photo-  
graph of ALVIN KARPIS, Kansas State Penitentiary #1539; FRED BARKER, Kansas  
State Penitentiary #9836; ED MURRAY, Missouri State Penitentiary #28978;  
and ROBERT GRAY alias MISCELL GIBSON, Missouri State Penitentiary #32487.

This matter should be given expeditious handling in order to be in-  
cluded in the summary reports being prepared by this office.

Very truly yours,

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Chicago - Connelley

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1888

Butte, Montana, March 22, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
(Special Assignment)  
P. O. Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1235;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I. O. 1237;  
WILLIAM McIVER with aliases, I. O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I. O. 1239;  
HARRY JANTER with aliases, I. O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I would respectfully advise that I, this day, telephoned Supervisor Newby of the Bureau at Washington, D. C., advising that Special Agent George Costello is seriously ill and that the doctor, who is treating him, advises that he will be confined to his bed or room for at least ten days. Agent Costello has proceeded to Butte to be under treatment of a specialist. Supervisor Newby advised that this arrangement was all right in view of the fact that all contacts in Glasgow, Montana, where Special Agent Costello has been stationed, have been advised to notify the Butte Office immediately upon their gaining knowledge of any new developments. Supervisor Newby also advised that in view of the fact that the Butte Office is short of Agents, in the event an Agent would have to be sent to Glasgow, assignment would probably be made from the St. Paul Office, as an Agent could reach Glasgow as soon from St. Paul approximately as from Butte.

Supervisor Newby also advised that you be notified, as well as a copy of the letter notifying you be sent to the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

D. E. RICKARD  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/15,16,17,18,19/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. P. SKERRY</b>
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**ALVIN KARPIS** with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. 1218;  
**DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN** with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
**HARRY CAMPBELL**, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236;  
**VOLNEY DAVIS** with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237;  
 et al - **EDWARD GEORGE BREMER** - VICTIM.

CHARACTER OF CASE:

**KIDNAPING**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Alice Conrad arrived 42nd Street Terminal, Great Eastern Bus Company, 11 P.M., March 16, 1935; did not contact any one enroute Chicago to New York; was not met at Terminal. Taxied to 54 West 36th Street where she was met by Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Moratti (latter probably sister of Alice Conrad) who occupy Apartment #2 said address. Conrad woman presently residing with the Morattis and has been under continuous surveillance since arrival. To date she has not contacted Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer. Cover has been placed on mail and telegrams received by Conrad woman and the Morattis. Surveillance being continued.



**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from the Chicago office dated March 15, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NEW YORK CITY**

With reference to the teletype from the Chicago office Agent contacted Mr. Rosen, General Manager of the Great Eastern Bus System at his New York office, 246 West 42nd Street. He referred to the money order record and found that order #6, dated March 13, 1935, was forwarded to the Cleveland headquarters of the company for re-forwarding to the Chicago office, and called for a round trip ticket from Chicago to New York and return, and \$1.60 in cash being furnished Alice Conrad, c/o Great Eastern Terminal, 332 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

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and that passenger be advised to get off bus at 59 West 36th Street Terminal, New York City.

The address, 59 West 36th Street, is the Union Motor Coach Terminal, used as a downtown terminal by the Great Eastern Bus System and several other transportation lines. According to Mr. Rosen, the money and the order for the round trip transportation were received by Cashier Finnerty at the Union Motor Coach Terminal, 59 West 36th Street, New York City.

Finnerty was interviewed. He stated that inadvertently, due to congestion at his window just before 11 A.M. March 13, 1935 he neglected to secure the name and address of the person purchasing the round trip transportation referred to above. He stated that about 10:50 A.M. a woman, name unknown to him who, according to Finnerty, daily passes through the station from 36th Street to 37th Street, apparently enroute to business, called at his window, deposited \$25 and arranged for the forwarding of the transportation and instructions to Alice Conrad at Chicago. Finnerty states that approximately two or three weeks previously this woman first made inquiry relative to the possibility of furnishing a round trip transportation to a friend in Chicago and discussed with him the best method of handling the matter; also, on several occasions since that time, has secured time tables and information concerning routes and accommodations.

Finnerty described this woman as follows:

Age	Approximately 35 years
Height	5'
Weight	160 - 170 lbs.
Hair	Black
Complexion	Very dark as to eyes and eyebrows but pale as to face.
	Appears to be either Italian, black Irish or Jewish; very attractive in appearance.
	Very well dressed wearing a mink or imitation mink coat and a felt hat with brim turned up on the side.

(The above description proved to be inaccurate inasmuch as Agent personally viewed this woman and found her to be approximately 35 years of age; 5'10" tall, weighing about 150 pounds; hair, black, long and worn flat; complexion dark as to eyebrows and eyes but pale as to skin; at first appearance would impress as being either Italian, Jewish or Southern European; fairly attractive; well dressed; wears black hat and a mink or imitation, dark brown coat).



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Upon Finnerty's advising that this woman passed through the station daily just prior to 11 A.M. Agent arranged with Finnerty to have the latter point out to agent, who had stationed himself in the terminal, the woman in the event she passed through the terminal the morning of March 16, 1935. However, after maintaining a surveillance from 10:30 until 11:30 Finnerty advised that, apparently, the woman did not go to business on Saturdays, and the surveillance was discontinued.

Upon instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge Rhea Whitley, Special Agents were designated to take up surveillance of the Conrad woman upon her arrival in New York and in the event she left the bus subsequent to its arrival at Easton, Pa. As per these instructions, Special Agents R. T. Ross, W. H. Biane, W. V. McLaughlin, and G. J. Starr, in Bureau automobile, proceeded to Easton, Pa. and there met the Great Eastern Bus in which the Conrad woman and Special Agent Suran were proceeding to New York. This bus arrived at Easton, Pa. at 7:50 P.M. and shortly thereafter Agent Ross made contact with Special Agent Suran who discreetly designated the person (Alice Conrad) being kept under surveillance by Special Agent Suran. The other agents followed this bus from Easton to New York, ready to take up surveillance in the event the Conrad woman left the bus prior to its arrival at its New York terminal. Special Agent Suran reported that the Conrad woman did not make any contact with any one enroute Chicago to New York. Because of some operating difficulty, the bus did not follow its regular schedule of making the first stop in New York at its terminal on West 42nd Street and then continuing on to its terminal on West 36th Street and it disembarked all its passengers at West 42nd Street terminal, which is located between 7th and 8th Avenues, on the south side of West 42nd Street. This terminal was being covered by Special Agents M. W. McFarlin, T. H. Tracy, and F. J. Kilmartin. Upon the arrival of the bus at its 42nd Street terminal the identity of the Conrad woman was communicated to these agents by Special Agent R. T. Ross and surveillance was continued by them. It was observed that the Conrad woman attempted to secure or call some telephone number in one of the booths in the station but apparently was unsuccessful and then secured a taxicab and instructed that she be taken to 54 West 36th Street.

Agents T. H. Tracy, W. V. McLaughlin, M. W. McFarlin, F. J. Kilmartin, G. J. Starr and W. H. Biane followed the taxicab to 54 West 36th Street where the Conrad woman left it. It was observed that she pressed a certain bell in the apartment hallway but apparently received no answer and then waited in the hallway, apparently at a loss as to what she should do. Shortly thereafter a man whom it was later learned is Carlo Moratti (apparently the husband of the woman with whom Alice Conrad is now living and who resembles her sufficiently to indicate a very close relationship, probably that of sister) left the bus station on West 36th Street where he and his wife were waiting the arrival of the Conrad woman, walked

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across the street to 54 West 56th Street, observed the Conrad woman in the doorway and had her accompany him back to the bus station where it was observed that the Conrad woman and Mrs. Moratti embraced. All three then returned to 54 West 56th Street and shortly thereafter the lights in Apartment #8 located third floor, front, of this building, were turned on.

Immediate inquiry developed that this building contains two business firms and six residential apartments. The ground floor is occupied by a stationery concern; the second floor by a manufacturer of artificial flowers such as those used in trimming women's hats; the apartments, according to the nameplates on the bells, are occupied as follows:

Apartment 1	- Mrs. Bishop
Apartment 2	- Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Moratti
Apartment 3	- Mrs. Henius
Apartment 4	- Mr. J. Peters (janitor)
Apartment 5	- Mr. and Mrs. Anness
Apartment 6	- Mr. Lester

These names were subsequently confirmed during conversation with Jerry Peters, superintendent and janitor, of this building. At this time he advised that the odd number of apartments are at the back of the house, and the even numbers face on the front of the house, that is, on West 56th Street. He advised that Mrs. Bishop is an elderly lady, and has been at this address for several years; that Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Moratti referred to by him as Italians, have been there some time; that Mrs. Henius is an elderly lady; that Mr. and Mrs. Anness are a Jewish family and have resided there quite some time, and that Mr. Lester, business unknown to him, rented this apartment the week of March 11, 1935.

The surveillance was then continued with Special Agents J. E. Seykora, T.H. Tracy, and W. F. Seery posted in a position on West 56th Street which would enable them to take up surveillance in the event the Conrad woman was observed to leave this address.



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At approximately 1:35 A.M. the Conrad woman, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Moratti, left 54 West 36th Street, proceeded south on Broadway to 42nd Street, down 42nd Street to Broadway, over South 5th Avenue, to 42nd Street, east on 41st Street to 6th Avenue, south on 6th Avenue, to 36th Street, and east on 36th Street, to #54, which they entered. Shortly thereafter the lights were extinguished.

Neither the Morattis nor the Conrad woman again emerged until approximately 3 P.M. Sunday, March 17. Alice Conrad was alone, and she walked to 55 West 35th Street, which she entered, and inquired as to apartments, remained a few minutes and then returned to 54 West 36th Street. Agent R. L. Morgan, who was following her, reported that as she left the house, Carlo Moratti or a man who resembled him, entered but that the Conrad woman and the man believed to be Moratti were not observed to greet each other. Agent Morgan also reports that during her walk the Conrad woman looked around as if she knew she was being followed, or as if looking for some one. (Her subsequent activities do not indicate the likelihood of this and it is believed that her observations are merely those of any out of town person visiting New York for the first time). At 9:45 P.M. the Conrad woman was observed to leave this address the same day, March 17, 1935. She was accompanied by the man and woman known as Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Moratti. They carried two orange kitchen chairs with them and all three proceeded to the address 52 West 37th Street, the lower floor of which is occupied by "The Swiss American Restaurant." They went upstairs and apparently entered one of the apartments located in the building. Agent J. J. Keating entered the vestibule with a view of securing the names of the various tenants and while there observed Mr. Carlo Moratti go downstairs and enter the doorway on the ground floor. Agent Keating reports that Moratti acted as if he was well acquainted with the premises and it is the belief of Agent Keating that Moratti is connected in some way with the Swiss Restaurant.

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At 11:50 P.M. four men and two women left the building at 32 West 37th Street. One of the men was Moratti. The other three men and the two women entered a Ford sedan bearing New York 1935 license number 1Z817. (Subsequent inquiry at the Motor Vehicle Bureau developed that this license plate had been issued to Rudolph Frassinelli, 72 B. Cross Street, Buffern, New York, for a Ford sedan). At this time Moratti had with him a small brown dog and with the dog he walked east on 37th Street a short time before reentering 32 West 37th Street.

At 12:50 A.M. March 18, 1935 Moratti and four women, two of whom were Alice Conrad and Mrs. Moratti, the other two being unknown, short, stocky and elderly, left the building at 32 West 37th Street. The two short, stocky women proceeded toward 5th Avenue while the Conrad woman and the Morattis carrying with them the two chairs returned to their residence at 54 West 36th Street. At 10:50 A.M. Mrs. Moratti was observed to leave her residence at 54 West 36th Street. She proceeded to Annette's Restaurant, at 58 West 39th Street, where it was learned she is employed as a waitress.

At 1:20 P.M. the Conrad woman left the Moratti residence, and proceeded to the Swiss American Restaurant, at 52 West 37th Street. She contacted a woman who accompanied her to the third floor (the restaurant occupies the first two floors).

The managers of the Swiss American Restaurant are Bryner and Robert.

The other occupants of the building are:

Harry Denoff, hosiery business, telephone Longacre 5-9106.  
Colonel Arthur F. Foren, unpublished telephone number.  
B. L. Hoffman, Medallion 3-7514. (He also has another telephone Wisconsin 7-4414) and appears to be in the cigar business.  
L. McHugh, unpublished telephone number.  
Doris and Donald Showalter, Wisconsin 7-3159.

In addition to these occupants the post office boxes in the vestibule of the building indicate that Jeanne Brilli occupies Apartment 4, and that Brennan and Lange are also occupants of the building.

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At approximately 2 P.M. the Conrad woman and the two other unknown women left 32 West 57th Street. Surveillance maintained by Special Agents L. W. Arms, J. L. Dalton, and T. H. Tracy.

They proceeded to Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent Store, 5th Avenue near 54th Street, and then continued to the second floor of Gimbel's Department Store, examined considerable merchandise but apparently bought nothing. One of these two women appeared to Special Agent Tracy to have a profile similar to that of Gladys Sawyer. However she does not in any way answer the description of the Sawyer woman as to age or build. Arrangements were made to have Special Agent Suran, who knows Gladys Sawyer, observe this woman to determine if she is Gladys Sawyer.

After leaving Gimbel's approximately 4 P.M. the Conrad woman returned to the Moratti residence at 54 West 36th Street, and the other two women returned to 32 West 57th Street.

Due to the crowded condition of the streets in the vicinity of 54 West 36th Street during week days it was necessary for those conducting surveillance to station themselves in the immediate vicinity of #54. Their continued presence in this vicinity apparently aroused considerable speculation on the part of various occupants of nearby buildings, janitors, superintendents and other building employees. It was deemed advisable to secure as early as possible an observation post not visible to the casual observer but which would afford an excellent point from which to observe all persons entering and leaving 54 West 36th Street. Therefore, Special Agent G. J. Starr contacted M. Bonaparte, superintendent of #35, #37, #39 and #41 West 36th Street, and arranged with him for the use of a vacant loft on the third floor of the building at 41 West 36th Street, formerly occupied by dealers in secondhand machinery. The windows of this loft face out on West 36th Street and command a view of the premises occupied by the Morattis and the Conrad woman. Immediately after securing the use of this vacant loft, the street surveillance was discontinued and agents were stationed in the loft building, however, Bureau autos were stationed at points at 5th and 6th Avenues which would enable them to pick up surveillance in the event it was observed that the Conrad woman left in a motor vehicle.



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A telephone was installed in the vacant loft to enable direct communication with the New York Bureau office and eliminate the necessity for the numerous coming and going to a telephone at the corner of 6th Avenue, previously used by the Bureau agents in communicating with the office. Surveillance the balance of the afternoon and night of March 18th established that the Conrad woman did not leave Apartment #2, 54 West 36th Street during that period. From the loft observation post, agents were able to observe her in the apartment with Mrs. Moratti. Both spent the night until retiring engaged in reading magazines and books.

Arrangements were made with the New York Post Office for this office to be furnished with tracings of all mail received by Alice Conrad, and Mrs. Carlo Moratti at 54 West 36th Street and 332 West 27th Street, New York City. Similar arrangements were made with Special Agent F. E. O'Donnell with H. T. Staub of the Legal Division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Deputy Controller Strickland of the Postal Telegraph Company and this office will be advised of the receipt of any telegrams by the above named persons.

Due to the very active curiosity aroused in J. Peters, superintendent of the building at 54 West 36th Street, as a result of the close surveillance maintained by agents prior to the securing of vacant loft at 41 West 36th Street, agent contacted the rental agents for the building, Clements and Dowd, with offices at 102 West 48th Street. At agent's suggestion Mr. Clements instructed Superintendent Peters to call at his office where he was interviewed by agent. Mr. Peters admitted that his curiosity was aroused and stated that he hadn't any idea that those maintaining surveillance were interested in any person or firm occupying 54 West 36th Street (he was not advised to the contrary). He stated he assumed that agents were police officers basing this belief on the fact that when approached by police officers (agents were approached several times by police officers due to the fact that adequate surveillance required the parking of Bureau cars in a zone more or less restricted to commercial vehicles), agents apparently satisfied the officers and were not required to leave the position as would other persons without official connections. Mr. Peters stated that he is willing to cooperate 100% with government agents. He assumed that agents were engaged in investigations pertaining to narcotics. (This belief was not corrected), and offered his assistance at any time. It was not believed advisable at this time to evince any particular interest in the Morattis or their guest, however, the possibility of arranging for dictaphone installation in the Moratti apartment with the assistance of Peters is under consideration and if decided upon, Peters' offer of cooperation will be utilized.

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At 12:50 P.M. March 19, 1935 Alice Conrad and Carlo Moratti left 54 West 36th Street, and proceeded to the Great Eastern Bus Station, on the same street. They there talked with Ticket Agent Finnerty, inquiring as to how the Conrad woman was to secure \$1.25 refund from the bus line, explaining that this sum was the difference between the round trip ticket from Chicago to New York, and the \$25 deposited by Mrs. Moratti which should have been turned over to her at Chicago but which she did not receive. She was advised to communicate with the main office of the bus company at Cleveland, O., and they will forward to her the amount in question.

Under observation by Special Agents W. E. Bihns and M. J. McFarlin, the Moratti woman and Moratti proceeded to a restaurant at 60 West 46th Street. After partaking of some food the Conrad woman proceeded to Loew's Lincoln Theatre, Broadway near 65th Street. Agents are maintaining surveillance at this building at the time this report is being dictated.

A continuous log of this surveillance is being maintained at the New York Bureau office.

The description of Carlo Moratti is as follows:

Age	35
Height	5'9" or 5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Dark; worn combed flat; apparently greased.
Eyes	Dark
	Bears slight resemblance to George Raft.
	Wears gray suit; frequently leaves house without hat.

Photographs and descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer have been furnished to agents engaged in surveillance.

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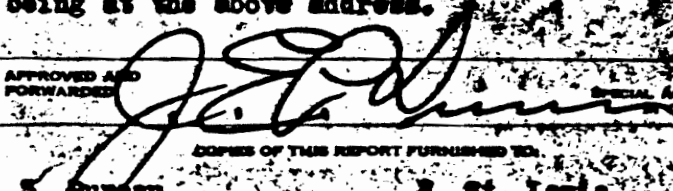


# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL**

FILE NO. 7-22

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>1-21-35 2-6-35 2-15-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. D. WHITE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232 HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236 VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237 WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238 WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240 MYRTLE KATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL Edward George Bremer - Victim</b>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>J. RUSSELL SHAKFLE advises his wife Jane is sister of MRS. KIMER HARRISON and MRS. DONALD HARRISON, and that subject HARRISON, in October, 1934, made two casual social calls, and also called on MRS. SHAKFLE'S sister, MARY DICK, of Beverly Hills, Calif. Subject HARRISON, in October, 1934, made two weeks' stay at home of his cousin, E. GREGGERSON, departing via plane under name of KIMER HONE. Surveillance at 3547 Sabine Street, Los Angeles, without result. FRANKIE FOSTER reported residing Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Miami, Florida.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Letters from St. Louis Bureau Office dated 1-18-35 and 2-4-35, letters from Detroit Office dated 2-23-35 and 2-28-35, and letter from SAC Connelley, Chicago, 3-11-35.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Reference letter of January 18, 1935 reflects that tracings of letters addressed to KIMER HARRISON, 4539 Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, bore return address of J. P. SAWYER, 1128 So. Kenmore, and requested that discreet investigation be conducted to determine the possibility of HARRISON or other members of the Barker-Karpis gang being at the above address.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 22 1935</b>	
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In connection therewith, it was ascertained that the premises at 1128 South Kenmore are occupied by MR. and MRS. J. RUSSELL SHAEFLE; that MR. SHAEFLE has been employed in the capacity of clerk at the Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles, for the past fourteen years, and bears an excellent reputation.

The premises were kept under surveillance by the writer for a period of time, after which

and a reliable informant known to this office, was interviewed. [redacted] advised that, in his opinion, MR. SHAEFLE was absolutely trustworthy and reliable, could be openly approached with respect to the mail emanating from his address to St. Louis. Further surveillance of the premises was continued, during which time it was ascertained that the SHAEFLE family consists of MR. and MRS. SHAEFLE and one child; that their habits were regular; that MR. SHAEFLE departed in the morning regularly and returned in the evening regularly, MRS. SHAEFLE being unemployed. No other individuals, other than those mentioned above, were seen about the premises.

Accordingly, MR. SHAEFLE was interviewed at the Los Angeles Bureau Office and, upon being open and frank in his statements and giving every evidence of reliable cooperation, he was questioned as to his knowledge of subject HARRISON. In this connection, MR. SHAEFLE advised that his wife Jane is a sister to MRS. KIMBER HARRISON and MRS. DONALD HARRISON of St. Louis; that the girls had naturally corresponded, one with the other, since MRS. SHAEFLE'S departure from St. Louis.

MR. SHAEFLE further advised that in the latter part of 1934, he believes in October, they were visited by subject WILLIE HARRISON on two separate occasions, one visit about one week removed from the other; that on the occasion of these visits, he stated he was merely in California on vacation, did not state where he was residing, and the visits generally were more or less formal.

MR. SHAEFLE further advised that, to his knowledge, his wife has never received any communication from subject HARRISON, and their friendship seemed to be merely one of a marital relationship; that HARRISON'S visit was merely a gesture of courtesy on his part for the benefit of her two sisters in St. Louis; that HARRISON did not state his occupation, or where he had been in the past few years, other than that he was located in Chicago.

MR. SHAEFLE further advised that sometime after HARRISON'S visit, he read a newspaper account relating to some criminal association on the part of HARRISON with the Chicago gangsters, particularly the Karpis gang; that he, MR. SHAEFLE, and his wife were considerably disturbed over the item, in view of their relationship to subject; that his wife's sisters,

as well as her sisters' husbands, are considered highly respectable people, and that his wife and her sisters were apprehensive as to any publicity which might be attached to the family name in view of their marital relationship to subject.

MR. SHAKFLE exhibited every indication of being cooperative to the utmost, and advised that, in the event he should hear of or from subject, either directly or indirectly, he would have no hesitancy in advising this office. MR. SHAKFLE in this connection stated that during the entire period of his married life, his wife has never received a communication of any kind from subject HARRISON, and that he, SHAKFLE, was seriously of the opinion that subject HARRISON could not write.

With respect to the above interview, it is deemed advisable at this point of the instant report to refer to reference letter of February 4, 1935, emanating from the St. Louis Office. MR. SHAKFLE, in connection with subject HARRISON'S visit to Los Angeles, advised that his wife has another sister, MARY DICK, who resides with her father at 500 North Swall Drive, Beverly Hills, California; that on the occasion of WILLIE HARRISON'S visit to Los Angeles, he made mention of the fact that he was going to call on MARY DICK and her father; that he, SHAKFLE, had gained the impression from some remark made by subject HARRISON, that the latter entertained some feeling toward MARY; that he, MR. SHAKFLE, would discreetly ascertain what friendship, if any, existed between MARY and subject HARRISON prior to any inquiry on the part of this office with that individual.

MR. SHAKFLE subsequently reported to the writer that he had talked with MARY DICK, and that she stated to him that subject HARRISON had on two occasions visited with her while he was in Los Angeles during the latter part of October, 1934; that on one particular occasion, while dining at the Brown Derby on Wilshire Blvd., the establishment was entered by police officers who apparently dropped in to eat, and that subject HARRISON exhibited considerable nervousness and left the place without completing his meal; that MARY had wondered about the actions of HARRISON, and that during the time that the previously-mentioned item appeared in the newspapers as to subject HARRISON'S activities in Chicago, she reconciled subject HARRISON'S activities at the Brown Derby with the article in question, and expressed considerable apprehension as to what possibly might have happened, and the subsequent embarrassment to her, had subject HARRISON been recognized at the Brown Derby. MR. SHAKFLE advised that in his opinion, MARY DICK could be relied upon absolutely to advise of any contact she might have from subject in the future.

MARY DICK and her father will, of course, be interviewed in the immediate future relative thereto.

With respect to letter of reference dated February 4, 1935, wherein representatives of the American Airways in St. Louis advised that



a ticket was purchased in Los Angeles on October 29, 1934 by ELMER HOWE, 6718 8th Avenue, investigation disclosed that the premises, a small bungalow, is occupied by MR. and MRS. B. GREGGERSON. Further investigation disclosed that MR. GREGGERSON is a fireman located at the 38th Street and Western Avenue Station. Surveillance of the premises disclosed same to be occupied only by MR. and MRS. GREGGERSON and a small boy about ten years of age. Further inquiry disclosed that MR. GREGGERSON had been connected with the Los Angeles Fire Department for a number of years and is considered trustworthy and reliable.

MR. GREGGERSON, upon interview, advised that he is a cousin to WILLIE HARRISON; that that individual, during October of 1934, without forewarning or invitation, visited him for approximately two weeks; that he, MR. GREGGERSON, upon subject's departure, personally drove him to the airport, and at that time learned that he used the name of HOWE; that he made mental note of the fact, but said nothing to HARRISON concerning the matter, although he, GREGGERSON, thought it peculiar that subject would use that name.

MR. GREGGERSON further advised that he has known subject and his brothers since childhood; that he, GREGGERSON, and subject HARRISON formerly saddled together in St. Louis, and that subject HARRISON many years ago attempted to induce him, GREGGERSON, to come to Chicago for a connection with one of the golf clubs; that he, GREGGERSON, has known for sometime that subject HARRISON'S activities have been somewhat questionable, although he did not know specifically that he was engaged in any criminal activities until after subject HARRISON'S departure; that subsequent thereto, he was apprised of HARRISON'S criminal connections in Chicago through a newspaper item which reflected that he escaped from some notorious gangster's apartment when the latter was arrested; that he has read, or heard some place, that subject HARRISON is wanted in some connection with a kidnaping case; that upon reading the article, he and his wife became quite concerned, in that they enjoy a good reputation in Los Angeles, where he has a steady position which he does not care to jeopardize by the embarrassment which would naturally be attached to his name, were the fact to become known that HARRISON visited with him for the period above mentioned in Los Angeles, even though he, GREGGERSON, at that time did not know of subject's criminal activities.

MR. GREGGERSON stated that he has known subject HARRISON as the "colonel"; that he is so known to his most intimate friends, or was at least during his early childhood; that his relationship of first-cousin to subject HARRISON comes about by the fact that subject's father married the sister of GREGGERSON'S father; that he had not seen subject prior to his visit to Los Angeles for a considerable period of time; that subject HARRISON never corresponds, and that he had no intimation that he was coming to Los Angeles until he made his appearance at his home; that he was of the opinion that HARRISON obtained his address from one of the HARRISONS in St. Louis.



MR. GREGGERSON stated that subject HARRISON was exceptionally well dressed when he arrived, and appeared to be financially well fixed; that he mentioned the fact that he intended to fly to Chicago and stop over at St. Louis to visit his people. MR. GREGGERSON attributes the fact of subject's failure to correspond with his friends to his illiteracy, stating that it is his impression that HARRISON received but very little education.

MR. GREGGERSON stated he inquired of subject HARRISON where he was located, and that subject replied he was located "in and about Chicago".

MR. GREGGERSON assured the writer that, in the event he should in the future obtain any information concerning subject HARRISON, or if subject HARRISON should put in an appearance in Los Angeles, he would have no hesitancy in advising this office.

Attached to the copies of this report for the St. Louis Bureau Office is a photograph of subject HARRISON furnished by that office.

MR. GREGGERSON advised that the father of MARY DICK, MR. WILLIAM DICK, is presently occupied as a gardener and lives on the premises at 300 North Swall Drive, said premises being occupied mainly by the Berkeley Hall School.

Relative to reference letter of February 28, 1935 from the Detroit Bureau Office, investigation at 3547 Sabina Street, Los Angeles, disclosed that the premises are occupied by a comparatively new stucco, four-room apartment, duplex-type flat. Continued observation of the premises, particularly 3547 of the flat in question, failed to disclose the presence of the Buick Sedan mentioned in letter of reference dated February 23, 1935 from the Detroit Office. Continued surveillance was conducted at the premises, but no activity therein could be observed. The house remained in total darkness during the nights of February 28th, March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. On the evening of March 5th, a Ford V8 Sedan, black in color, the number of which could not be obtained by the writer without disclosing his presence, stopped in front of the premises and discharged a woman passenger carrying a suitcase. This woman appeared to be between thirty and thirty-five years of age, 5' 7" tall, weighing 155 pounds, hair blonde, complexion fair, build medium. Continued surveillance from date last mentioned to the present time has been unproductive with respect to the car mentioned and any mail occupants of the premises.

Inquiry of MR. EMIL NEUMAN, Carrier No. 192, Station "L", 366 So. Whittier Blvd., disclosed that 3547 is occupied by a MR. and MRS. MCKENZIE and has been so occupied by them during the past two years. The remaining apartments are occupied by WELSH, STANLEY and JOURNEY, none of the initials being recalled by MR. NEUMAN. MR. NEUMAN advised that the last named individuals have likewise been on the premises for approximately two years;

that so far as he was able to recall, he has delivered no mail for the individuals named in reference letter of February 23, 1935, more particularly to anyone by the name of FITZGERALD or BOENID. The cooperation of MR. NEUMAN has been solicited to the end where, should any mail other than mail for the individuals above named be directed to the 3547 Sabina Street address, he will immediately notify this office through his inspector EDWARD CLINE, with whom the writer has spoken. The surveillance of the above residence will be continued.

Relative to reference letter of March 11, 1935, it was ascertained through Lieutenant Detective RICHARD LUCAS, Los Angeles Police Department, who is a reliable contact of this office, that FRANKIE FOSTER, who is well known in Los Angeles, is presently residing at the Fleetwood Hotel, Miami Beach, Miami Florida. Lieutenant LUCAS advised that his information in this respect was as recent as March 9, 1935. This information was telegraphically forwarded to the Chicago Bureau Office - the Jacksonville Bureau Office was not advised.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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March 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 8, 1935 transmitting three photographic enlargements of latent fingerprints which were obtained by the Parsons, Kansas, Police Department at the scene of a robbery of a safe deposit vault in Parsons, in connection with the case entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I.O. 1218, Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. 1236, Edward George Bremer - Victim, Kidnaping.

One of the three latent impressions appearing on the photograph presents sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and has been searched through the single fingerprint file maintained in the Bureau without effecting an identification. In addition the latent prints have been compared with the fingerprints of the following persons with negative results.

Martin J. Langdon, #743275.  
Loakco Johnson, #673410.  
Russell E. Lane, #584995.  
Charles J. Fitzgerald, #93780.  
Joseph P. Moran, #794777.  
William Weaver, #17920.  
Russell Gibson, Deceased.  
Dock Barker, #289428.  
Harry Sawyer, #421838.  
Marjorie Keating, #822111.  
Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1953.  
Kansas City, Kansas.  
Clyde Wimerick, #77961.  
Harry Campbell, #419836.  
Bertha Engler, #822181.

Paula Harmon, #105980.  
Alvin Karpis, #199217.  
Jess Doyle, #99402.  
Mrs. Jack Snyder, #454380.  
Myrtle Eaton, #337474.  
Charles P. Clouse, #189726.  
Volney Davis, #400441.  
John G. Hagan, #17234.  
William J. Harrison, #727007.  
Oliver A. Berg, #98348.  
Irene McCann, #386288.  
Bert Angus, #809063.  
Bruno Austin, #785178.  
Brent Glasscock, #79336.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
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Post Office Drawer #1487,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
March 21, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Drawer 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O.  
#1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, I. O. #1232; HARRY CAMP-  
BELL, with aliases, I. O. #1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O.  
#1237; ET AL. EDWARD G. BREMER -  
VICTIM. Kidnaping.

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram to this  
Office, dated March 20, 1935, in which it is stated that the War  
Department records show that the Rock Island Arsenal reports that  
it has possession of a chest containing Browning automatic rifle  
#211774. In this connection, please be advised that Special  
Agent D. S. Hostetter of this Office made investigation at the  
Rock Island Arsenal on March 13, 1935 and found that the records  
there show that said gun was inspected in July of 1930 and placed  
in chest #7973 with four other similar guns and stacked in a  
store room with 9,500 similar chests. The detailed information  
regarding the investigation by Agent Hostetter was contained in  
his report dated at St. Louis, Missouri March 19, 1935. His re-  
port contains a lead for the Washington Field Office, requesting  
that the General Ordinance of the War Department be contacted, in  
an effort to obtain approval for the necessary expenditure to make  
a search of the guns stored at the Rock Island Arsenal, for the  
purpose of verifying the presence of the Browning automatic rifle  
#211774. Upon completion of the above mentioned lead, this in-  
vestigation will receive expeditious attention.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
March 19, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Jacksonville, Florida

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218 - FUGITIVE  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1222  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1236  
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I. O. 1237  
WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239  
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I. O. 1240  
MYRTLE LATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241; ET AL;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

L. A. File #7-42

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telegraphic request of  
Mr. E. J. Connelley of March 19, 1935, there is transmitted  
herewith the photograph of Mrs. Frank Foster.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc/ Bureau  
E. J. Connelley

Via Air Mail

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Have we a record of Mrs.  
Frank Foster, arrested at one  
time with Frank Foster #C-26580  
PD, Chicago, Ill?

Supervisor.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I have caused a search of the files of the Identification  
Division to be made for a possible record of Mrs. Frank  
Foster. Please be advised that a search of the files, on  
the basis of the information furnished, fails to disclose  
any record of this person.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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BREKID RE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BROWN LAST NIGHT A JOHN MORAN LEFT FORWARDING  
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POST OFFICE BOX 829,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

March 16, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with  
aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL  
with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS  
with aliases, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER  
with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; HARRY  
SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE  
EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to letter emanating from this office dated  
1/26/35, and teletype messages dated 2/12/35, 3/1/35 and 3/6/35,  
requesting authority to make payments to [redacted] informant in  
the above captioned case. This letter and these teletypes explain  
[redacted] possibilities as an informant in locating subjects of this  
case.

The Bureau was requested on 3/6/35 by teletype to grant  
authority to pay [redacted] not too exceed \$10.00 per day for a period  
of ten days for the purpose of the rental of an automobile for his  
use in contacting underworld characters in an attempt to locate  
Karpis and other members of this gang in Chicago and vicinity. It  
is believed that [redacted] is making a conscientious effort to locate  
these subjects and it is believed that the possibilities of his meet-  
ing with success are promising. He has explained that in making his  
various underworld contacts the use of a rented car was dangerous  
for him, due to the fact that his underworld associates believe him  
to be financially embarrassed at this time and are unable to under-  
stand how he is able to rent automobiles, and also due to the fact  
that an automobile is not always available for his use when he obtains  
information concerning an important lead which might be advantageous  
to him.

[redacted] has suggested that he be furnished the sum of \$100.00  
in order to purchase a small second-hand automobile in his own name  
for use in making his various contacts. He explained that the same

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would pay for itself in a very short while in comparison with the high rate he is required to pay for rented cars.

The Chicago Bureau office would appreciate being advised by teletype as soon as possible whether or not it is the Bureau's opinion that such a sum should be advanced to [REDACTED] It should be stated in conclusion that [REDACTED] is making a sincere effort to locate members of this gang and judging from the information furnished by him in the past he is reliable.

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Very truly yours,

  
E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

RDB:MG

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

LAH/ess

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 18, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith five copies of abstract of  
criminal record and twelve photographs as appearing  
in the files of the Identification Division of Frank  
Foreman, alias Frankie Foster, our file #297844.

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Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

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414 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 22, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received letter from the Coast  
Garage, Kentucky Ave. at the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, N.J.,  
in which they advise that the Atlantic City Police have  
notified said garage that the Buick automobile abandoned by  
Alvin Karpis in Atlantic City was turned over to the Bureau.

Mr. I.P. Conway, Manager of the Coast  
Garage has advised that he holds a bill against this automobile  
for two nights storage at \$1.00 per night, one wash at \$2.00,  
six quarts of oil at \$2.10, and one lubrication at \$1.50, the  
bill totaling \$7.60.

Mr. Conway requests advice as to whether  
the Bureau will pay this storage and service charges.

Will you kindly advise me in the premises?

Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RAA:HAM.

March 21, 1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I. O. 1218; et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

This is with reference to Mr. Tamm's long distance telephone conversation with Special Agent (A) H. M. Eubank of the Jacksonville Office at twelve M., today, when I was absent from the office at lunch. In this conversation, Mr. Tamm inquired whether Subject Dolores De Laney was still confined in the Duval County Jail at Jacksonville, or whether she had been released. After calling the Marshal's Office, Agent Eubank advised Mr. Tamm that De Laney was still incarcerated in the County Jail, here.

In this connection, reference is made to my letter of March 20th in which I advised the Bureau that De Laney and Burdette would plead guilty in Federal Court at Miami, Florida, on Monday, March twenty-fifth; that the Marshal would remove these two persons to Miami, leaving Jacksonville Sunday night and arriving in Miami early Monday morning.

Reference is also made to another letter I forwarded to the Bureau on March twentieth, confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm on March nineteenth. This was relative to a telegram forwarded from Miami, Florida, on December 29, 1934, to T. C. Blackburn (Fred Barker) care Carson Bradford, Oklawaha, Florida, which is signed "Cash". As you will recall, for some days we have been endeavoring to obtain the original telegram from the Western Union Telegraph Company at Miami, Florida. I have just been advised by the United States Attorney, from Miami, that he has completed arrangements to obtain this telegram Monday morning, March 25, 1935. On this date Federal Judge Ritter will sign an order requiring the Superintendent of the telegraph company to produce this

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To: The Director

March 21, 1935

telegram in court. As soon as I am able to obtain it, same will be forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the handwriting of Subject Cassius McDonald with aliases.

Very truly yours,



R. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

7-24  
CC E. J. Connelley at Chicago  
Saint Paul



P. O. Box 909  
Portland, Oregon

March 19, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
P. O. Box 512  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. 1237;  
WILLIAM LEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239;  
HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240;  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

This will refer to your letter of March 9th concerning an individual known as Walla Walla White, who is reported to be very friendly with Harry Sawyer, requesting information concerning this individual be obtained through the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington.

You are advised that Special Agent Eberstein conducted inquiry at the penitentiary, causing a search to be made of the records, and making inquiries of all known sources in Walla Walla, both inside the penitentiary and out, in an effort to obtain information concerning an individual known as Walla Walla White. No such individual could be located, but there are enclosed herewith photographs, descriptions and criminal records of four individuals whose nicknames are Tennessee Whitey, Spokane Whitey, Whitey, and one Don White. Don White is known as Society Whitey, the Gentleman Burglar.

It is not known whether any of these individuals could be the Walla Walla White referred to, but inasmuch as they are the only inmates of the State Penitentiary at Walla Walla with nicknames similar to that of Walla Walla White, the same are being transmitted to you for possible identification.

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Very truly yours,

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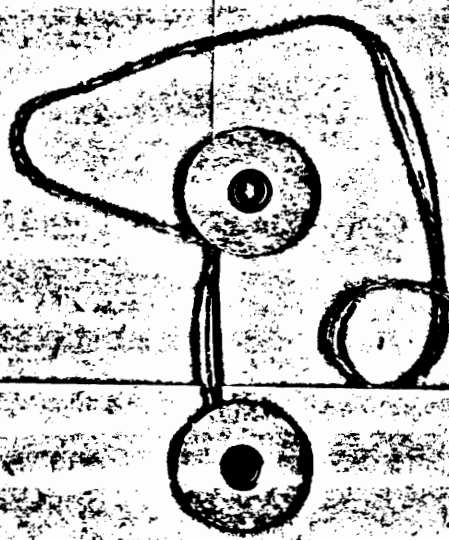
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Frank Newton



EMP, MCR

April 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith ten copies of the abstract  
of criminal record and photograph as appearing in the  
files of the Identification Division of Charles Newton,  
our file #20750.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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Washington, D. C.

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April 4, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *EW*

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April 8, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et  
al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Portland Office,  
addressed to you under date of March 19, 1935, wherein you were  
advised that a search of the records of the Washington State  
Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Washington, failed to reflect a  
record of an individual known as Walla Walla White who is reported  
to be an associate of Harry Sawyer.

There are transmitted herewith, and to each of the  
offices indicated below, copies of an abstract of criminal record  
and photographs of one Frank White with aliases, our number 20750,  
who may possibly be identical with the individual referred to in  
the letter of the Portland Office.

It is noted from the record of this individual that he  
has served a sentence at the Washington State Penitentiary, Walla  
Walla, Washington and also has an arrest record in Wisconsin and  
other middle western states.

Very truly yours,

cc - St. Paul (with inclosures  
Portland as indicated)  
Omaha

2 inclosures



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Omaha, Nebraska</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-14 to 17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>O. C. DEWEY</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1238; VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238; HARRY SAWYER with aliases, I.O. 1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241 - et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>DEPT. OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE MAR 23 1935 AM</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Contact made with police officers and other informants at Des Moines, Ia., but no information obtained that Myrtle Eaton is in that city. Raid made by W. S. Marshal Hard on the home of Ward Vincent at Des Moines upon receiving tip that Myrtle Eaton was at his home, but she was not found. Picture of Cliff Winters, believed to be "Tip" - friend of Corey Bales - obtained from Des Moines Police Department. Contact had with Go About Riley and Winnie Eaton who agreed with Agent that Myrtle Eaton should surrender. Winnie Eaton advised that she would do everything possible to have Myrtle surrender if she is able to locate and contact her.</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. C. Dewey, Omaha, 3-15-35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: Agent contacted night detective, Lorn Miller, of the Des Moines Police Department who advised that since Agent's absence from Des Moines he had been in contact with numerous persons but was unable to learn from any of them that Myrtle Eaton had been in town since the first of the year; that since the publication of Myrtle Eaton's picture on the front page of the Des Moines Register, setting forth that she had been indicted at St. Paul with several others on a charge of kidnaping, every effort has been made to ascertain her whereabouts without success.</p> <p>As of interest in this matter, on March 10, 1935 Dewey Burlovich, operator of the Sportsman Club at Des Moines and who resides at 1317</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Werner Hamm</i>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 28 1935</b>	
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Forest Avenue with his wife Edna, shot and killed Donald Merrigan, age 22, following an argument. County Attorney Carl Burkman advised Agent that Burlovich had been living with and keeping a girl named Lillian Sture who is a sister of Mrs. Merrigan; that Donald Merrigan and his wife, accompanied by their small son, went to Burlovich in an effort to discover their whereabouts; that a heated argument followed, and Merrigan and his wife then left the Sportsman Club. His wife stepped out on the sidewalk, and just as Merrigan was going through the door, Burlovich picked up a pistol and shot and killed him. The case is to be tried at Des Moines on March 25th, and County Attorney Burkman feels that he has a very strong case against Burlovich.

Agent, while in Des Moines, learned that for the last several months Bud Joyce has been employed as a bartender in Burlovich's Sportsman Club, but two weeks ago opened up a beer tavern at 217 9th Street with Ray Laughlin and are alleged to be backed by Ward Vincent, local distributor for Country Club Beer. Detective Lorn Miller and his partner, Bill Shaffer, advised Agent that when Joyce opened up on February 12, 1935, they kept a watch over his place but did not observe Myrtle Eaton or Bill Weaver visiting the tavern; however, they did notice a number of hoodlums and their girl friends from Fort Dodge, Iowa; that this outfit stayed in Des Moines from February 12th to February 17th. Among the persons observed by Miller and Shaffer was H. B. Lewis of 317 So. 5th Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa, who is an ex-convict. He was driving a 1935 Chevrolet sedan with 1935 Iowa license #94-2390; they also observed Pauline Beckenbaugh of 215 So. 6th Street, Fort Dodge, Iowa, who operates a house of prostitution in that city. She was driving a 1935 Chevrolet coupe with 1935 Iowa license #94-3241. Also in this crowd was a 1934 Oldsmobile sedan bearing 1935 Iowa license #94-6155. While this crowd of about seven persons were in Des Moines, all of them lived at 1440 8th Street, which is the home of Frank Dietz, a bartender at the Sportsman Club. The telephone number at Dietz's home is 3-4591.

U. S. Marshal Fred Hurd at Des Moines, Iowa advised Agent that on January 26, 1935, an unknown party called him on the telephone and advised him that Myrtle Eaton was then at the home of Ward Vincent, 2627 10th Avenue or possibly at the home of Go About Riley; that Myrtle was a close friend of Edith Vincent. U. S. Marshal Hurd secured several officers at the Des Moines Police Department and went to the home of Ward Vincent and a search was made of the home, but Myrtle Eaton was not there. Vincent advised Mr. Hurd that he had arrived in Des Moines about 2:30 that morning; that he had not seen Myrtle Eaton for sometime. He had with him a new 1934 Ford coupe and showed Mr. Hurd his bill of sale showing that he had purchased this car on January 24, 1934 at Shalopee, Minnesota. No investigation was made at the home of Go About Riley as the officers noted no activities there same was kept under surveillance in the belief that Myrtle might go there if she was in town.



For sometime, Agent has been endeavoring to ascertain the identity of both "Tip" and Gladys who are friends of Coray Bales, Aurora, Illinois, and likewise formerly from Des Moines. The party referred to as "Tip" is said to be a gambler and likewise to have originally come from Des Moines. Chief of Detectives, Al Peterson, at Des Moines, has been endeavoring for some time to find out the identity of this "Tip" and just recently learned that this party was possibly identical with one Cliff Winters, who is known to the Des Moines Police Department and whose photograph was secured. Winters was photographed under Des Moines PD #3923, age 29 (in 1923), height 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches, weight 139 pounds, hair dark brown, eyes blue; fingerprint classification - 7 R O 16. He was arrested in Des Moines, Iowa in 1923 for operating a disorderly house. Chief Peterson stated that this man had not been in town for nearly ten years and was therefore practically forgotten by the old members of the police department. He stated that it was his best recollection that Cliff Winters was known as "Tip". The photograph of Cliff Winters is being forwarded to the Chicago office with the request that they endeavor to identify same at Aurora, Illinois as being the party known as "Tip".

In reference to the report of W. P. Eliwood of the Omaha Office, dated 2-26-35, further investigation was made by this Agent. This Agent for sometime past has been acquainted with Al Kitty who operates the Belvidere Club at Des Moines. Rich Kennelley who resides at 600 4th Street, Valley Junction, a suburb of Des Moines, operates the gambling casino in connection with this club. This is the only high-class gambling place now operating in Des Moines. Several years ago, Al Kitty was kidnaped by Jack Klutas, and the go between was Go About Riley who was always thought to have had some connection with this kidnaping. Sometime later, an attempt was made to kidnap Rich Kennelley, but he fought off his abductors, and they were later caught and sentenced to the penitentiary. Both of these men operate a very orderly place, and it is not believed by this Agent, from as much as he could learn that Rich Kennelley would in any way harbor Alvin Karpis. Kennelley was therefore interviewed and questioned regarding Myrtle Eaton, and he advised that he had not seen her in several years; that he doubted that she would visit his club due to the fact that he has not been on very friendly terms with Go About Riley, Dewey Burlovich and some of the other gamblers in Des Moines. He emphatically stated that he has no use for kidnapers inasmuch as an effort had once been made to kidnap him, and the fact that his present partner was kidnaped; that he realizes when a bunch of hoodlums come to a town they bring their own kind with them and within a short time the town is closed up, and that does not help their business. Kennelley was questioned for general information, and when asked whom he thought would most likely hide out Myrtle Eaton in Des Moines, he immediately named Ward Vincent, the local distributor for Country Club Beer in the Iowa territory. He stated that he has known it for a fact that Go About Riley, Dewey Burlovich, as well as several of the St. Paul hoodlums have frequently visited Vincent's home, and he in turn has driven to St. Paul with them and stayed at

their homes. He further advised Agent that Go About Riley now operates the Viaduct Cigar Store at 220 7th Street with one Mose Cohen; that Cohen lived somewhere on Kingman Avenue. Questioned as to other persons who were intimately acquainted with Myrtle Eaton, he named Hazel Lynch and Bud Lynch as well as Daisy Reynolds, who was the former wife of Go About Riley. He likewise named Clarence Volinski who operates a pawnshop on Walnut Street near Second Street. Volinski is a close personal friend of Doc Eaton and Bud Joyce. Questioned as to anybody whom Myrtle might contact in Kansas City, he stated that a former taxicab driver of Des Moines by the name of Sam Sigman, would undoubtedly know about Myrtle, should she be in Kansas City. He had heard one report that Sigman was now operating a hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

Questioned as to parties whom Myrtle might contact in Omaha, he named Eddie Barrick, Rick Lindsay and Earl Marshall who operate the New Modern Night Club. Questioned as to persons whom she might contact in Fort Dodge, he gave the name of "Big" Grace and Maude Wells at 217 9th Street, the latter being a close friend of Bud Joyce.

Kennelley was shown the pictures of the Barker-Karpis Gang, but he was unable to identify any of them. He was particularly questioned about Alvin Karpis, but denied knowing the party and most certainly is not concealing him in Des Moines. Questioned as to whether there was anybody else in Des Moines known as "Rich", he finally advised that there was an Italian on the south side of Des Moines by the name of Richey Marasco who also goes by the name of Mareno; that he has heard that when this party goes out with carnivals he at different times used the name of "Rich Kennelley". It might be stated here that Kennelley's wife is Grace Rankin, and she is employed in the postoffice department. She comes from a very good family and it was the opinion of Al Adams, Assistant County Attorney, that she would certainly not allow her husband to keep any hoodlums around the house. She comes from a very good family and Kennelley and his wife are well liked in Valley Junction. Kennelley heads the American Legion Band in that town and likewise has other interests in the welfare of this little town.

A contact was had with Go About Riley at his cigar store and beer joint at 220 7th Street, at which time Agent sat and had quite a talk with him. Riley was intoxicated at the time and was somewhat in a talkative mood. He emphatically stated that he would not advise Agent of the whereabouts of Myrtle Eaton if he knew same, but that he was of the opinion that it was about time for her to surrender, and that if he ever got to see her he would do all he could to have her surrender. Riley made several contradictory statements regarding having seen Myrtle Eaton and Bill Weaver, and advised Agent to be very careful of Bill Weaver as he was a killer, and that he had reasons to believe that Myrtle was afraid of him. Riley was of the opinion that if Myrtle surrendered she would not receive much more than a year and a day in the penitentiary, but regardless of what she received she would be much better off if she surrendered.



because he knew that when the Government agents endeavored to apprehend Weaver that there would be shooting, and Myrtle would undoubtedly be mixed up in the whole matter. He advised Agent that he would endeavor to locate her, adding that he had no idea as to her present whereabouts; that if he was able to get word to her he would endeavor to have her surrender. It was later reported to Agent that Go About Riley, following his conversation with this agent, consulted a very prominent attorney.

Agent likewise contacted Winnie Eaton and her husband, Chuck Conlin and talked with them as to the possibility of Myrtle Eaton surrendering. They likewise were of the same opinion as Go About Riley, and Winnie Eaton stated that if she ever was given the opportunity to talk to Myrtle, she felt sure that she could have her surrender. She gave Agent the impression that none of these people in Des Moines nor the Des Moines crowd cared very much for Bill Weaver; that he was bad medicine and if Myrtle continued to play around with him she would find herself in worse trouble than what she is now. Winnie Eaton asked for this Agent's telephone number, the name of the agent in charge and the Omaha Bureau Office telephone number was given to her inasmuch as agent does not expect to be in Des Moines for several weeks to come. It is this Agent's belief that Myrtle is not now in Des Moines but is possibly nearby and if Winnie Eaton and Go About Riley can contact her when Bill Weaver is not around it is believed that they can persuade her to surrender to the Government.

Special Agent J. R. Green of the Omaha office, while at Lincoln, Nebraska recently, checked all of the marriage licenses covering the marriages in the State of Nebraska for the last fifteen years but was unable to find any record of subject Harry Sawyer and his wife Gladys under any of their known aliases. A check was likewise made by this agent for a ten-year period from 1917 to 1927 of the marriage licenses at Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is right across the Missouri River from Omaha, Nebraska, but no record was found of a marriage certificate being given to subject Sawyer or his wife Gladys, under any of their known aliases.

While Agent was recently in Des Moines, Iowa, contact was had with Mr. Frank Brady, Special Agent of the State Bureau of Identification. Mr. Brady was formerly Chief of Police at Davenport, Iowa and advised Agent that the vicinity of Myrtle and 2nd Streets was a very likely spot for a gang hideout. He suggested that Agent contact Mr. Clark Lamont, a former police officer of Davenport but now with the State Liquor Enforcement Agency at Des Moines. Mr. Brady stated that he found it necessary to fire Lamont from the Davenport Police Department for being mixed up with some bootleggers, but outside of that he believed that he could possibly help agent in this matter as he had a wealth of information regarding hoodlums around Davenport.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE is requested to identify the photograph of Cliff Winters as being the party known as "Tip" who is an associate of Corey Bales at Aurora, Illinois.

THE OMAHA BUREAU OFFICE, in connection with lead No. 11, appearing in the report of reference, will interview Mr. Clark Lamont, State Liquor Enforcement agent at Des Moines, Iowa and endeavor to obtain such information as he might have regarding a possible hideout in Davenport, Iowa for members of this gang.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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March 22, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my telephone conversations of March 21 and 22, 1935, with Mr. Connelley in Chicago, and with Mr. Newby of the Bureau, relative to the twenty-four hour surveillance which has been maintained for the past week on ALICE CONRAD, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Carlos Maratti, at 54 West 36th Street, New York City.

In compliance with authorization received from Mr. Newby, the twenty-four hour surveillance is being withdrawn. However, the mail and telegram covers will be maintained, and close contact will be continued with the janitor and superintendent at 54 West 36th Street, for any information which might indicate that Alice Conrad is in communication with Gladys or Harry Sawyer.

Special Agent R. C. Suran who accompanied Mrs. Conrad to New York City, via bus, has today returned to his headquarters in Chicago.

Very truly yours,

F. I. PAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218;  
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236; VOLNEY  
DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.1237; FUGITIVE; DR.  
JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232; WILLIAM  
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with aliases, I.O.1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,  
with aliases, I.O.1239; MYRTLE EATON, with  
aliases, I.O.1241; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.

It is requested that the complete criminal records of the follow-  
ing three individuals be furnished this office:

Frank Gallichio - C827 and C44630;  
Joe Gallichio - C14806 and C28015;  
Sam Lano - C51065.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 829,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O. #1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O. #1237, Fugitive; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O. #1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1240; WILLIAM J.  
HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. #1239; MYRTLE  
BATON, with aliases, I.O. #1241; et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping;  
Harboring of Fugitives.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated March 21,  
1935, I am attaching the records revealed through a search  
of the identification files of this Bureau in the cases of  
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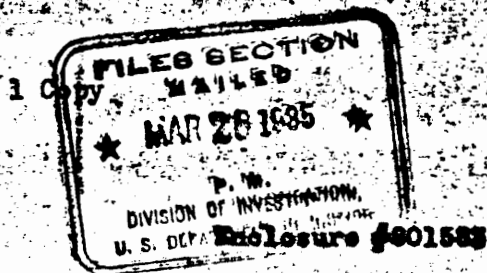
FRANK GALLICHIO, Police Department,  
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JOE GALLICHIO, Police Department,  
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SAM MANO, Police Department,  
Chicago, Illinois, #C-51065.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**Washington, D. C.  
March 25, 1935**

The following is an abstract of the fingerprint  
record of one Frank Gallichio, with aliases.

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An examination of the original assignment card in this Office reflects that the last report posted on this card is that dated Chicago, 9/28/34. However, from a review of the file it is noted that there was a report submitted by Agent J. L. Madala, dated October 30, 1934, and a report submitted by Agent R. D. Brown, dated November 12, 1934, neither of which were posted to the original assignment card.



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March 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218 et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the recent inspection of your office,  
the Bureau was advised that the original assignment card  
did not reflect the reports of Special Agent J. L. Madala,  
dated October 30, 1934, and of Special Agent E. D. Brown,  
dated November 12, 1934.

You are requested to advise the Bureau whether  
the original assignment card has been corrected in this respect.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-19-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-13, 14, 15-35	REPORT MADE BY: T. M. Clifford
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218 - FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1236; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1237; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O. 1239; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O. 1240; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
<p>C. C. Beery, District Manager, N.R.S., Mason City, Washington, searched files for registration subject Volney Davis without result. J. O. Murray, Personnel Manager, Mason, Walsh, Atkinson &amp; Kerr Construction Company, found no record subject Davis on payrolls. John Bergman, Washington State Patrol does not recall seeing Davis. Claude Gillespie, Interviewer, Department of Labor at Coulee Dam, Washington, recalls applicant by the name of Harper ineligible for employment on dam project making application on or about March 5, 1935. Photograph of subject Davis familiar with this application. Investigation at Bonneville Dam fails to indicate subject in that vicinity. Frances E. Bennett, Klamath Falls, Oregon, member of Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, disclaims any contact with subject Davis.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. Clifford, Portland, Oregon, March 9, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: At Coulee Dam - Mason City, Washington.</p> <p>This agent interviewed Captain C. C. Beery, District Manager, National Reemployment Service of the U. S. Department of Labor at Mason City, Washington. Photographs of members of the Karpis Gang, including subject Davis, were exhibited to Captain Beery, who failed to recognize any of these subjects having been seen on the government project by him. A search of the employment files from January 1,</p>			
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1935 up to and including March 14, 1935, failed to reveal the name of subject Davis or any of his aliases registered as an employee on the government dam project at Grand Coulee. Captain Beery explained to agent that one of the requirements of all employees is that they must be a resident of Washington and, preferably, a resident of the three counties in which the government project is located, or immediately adjacent thereto.

In this connection, Captain Beery, informed agent that at times employees may possibly register as a resident of the state of Washington or one of the three counties supplying labor for this project, by falsifying their residence addresses. Captain Beery further stated that it would be possible to secure employment other than as a common laborer, if the employee had a special avocation or was particularly qualified in administrative work. He stated that in the event an employee was placed on the payroll under these circumstances, no registration would be required at the National Reemployment Service office, but that a record would be had of this employee or type of employees at the office of J. O. Murray, Personnel Manager of the Mason, Walsh, Atkinson & Kerr Construction Company, in charge of the general construction work on this government project. Captain Beery further states that numerous applicants for employment appear at the offices of the National Reemployment Service, and that in each instance Mr. Claude Gillespie, who holds the title of Interviewer, contacts these applicants, receives their applications and passes upon their eligibility for employment.

Agent contacted Mr. J. O. Murray, Personnel Manager of the Mason, Walsh, Atkinson & Kerr Construction Company, who, upon checking his employment files, failed to locate therein the name of Volney Davis, or any of his known aliases, including the alias G. L. Harper.

Agent interviewed Mr. Claude Gillespie. Agent stated to Mr. Gillespie that he was seeking information regarding the whereabouts of subject Volney Davis. At this time agent named the aliases under which subject Davis has been known in the past, including the alias G. L. Harper. Upon hearing the name of Harper, Mr. Gillespie informed agent that he recalled definitely an applicant, whose physical description he could not exactly recall, making application for employment as a laborer on or about March 5, 1935. Mr. Gillespie informed agent that he was unable to state the particular circumstances surrounding this application and was unable to recall any statements made by Harper as to place of residence or type of work preferred, but he did recall that applicant Harper was ineligible for some reason for employment on the Coulee Dam project.

Agent then displayed before Mr. Gillespie the pictures of Karpis, Campbell, Sawyer, Weaver, and Davis. Without much hesitation Mr. Gillespie selected from these pictures the photograph of subject Davis and stated to agent that this picture was very familiar to him in connection with the application of Harper. Mr. Gillespie stated that he would make every effort to recall some circumstance regarding this application that might throw additional light on Harper's application for employment. He further stated that there is a possibility that Harper might return again and submit an application for employment under some other name, which practice, he said, although irregular had been followed by applicants in some instances in the past. A photograph of subject Davis was left with Mr. Gillespie for his attention and cooperation, with a request that he advise this office immediately in the event any one resembling subject Davis should apply again for employment.

Agent ascertained from Mr. Gillespie that he was formerly a guard at the Washington State Reformatory, Monroe, Washington, and left the impression that he was possibly overenthusiastic in making the identification of subject Davis as Harper, and for this reason agent does not place too much credence in the identification made by Mr. Gillespie.

The writer contacted John Bergman, officer on duty with the Washington State Patrol at Mason City, Washington. Photographs of subject Davis and other members of the Karpis gang were submitted to Mr. Bergman with the request that he examine them and advise agent whether he could identify any of subjects as presently being seen on the government project at Coulee. After examination of the photographs, Mr. Bergman could not recall having seen any of subjects on or about the Coulee Dam property. Mr. Bergman promised agent that in the event subject Davis or any other members of this gang should make their appearance at the Coulee Dam, he would promptly notify the Portland Bureau office.

Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears and Agent H. A. King conducted investigation at Bonneville Dam, located about forty miles up the Columbia River from Portland, Oregon. John Torkelson, Captain of the Guard, advised that he had seen no one answering the description of subject Davis in that vicinity. Captain Torkelson advised that he would maintain a close watch for any one resembling Volney Davis and would immediately notify the Portland Bureau office.

Mr. Torkelson is in charge of the guards at Bonneville and introduced agents to Mr. Frank Hayes, in charge of the National Re-employment Service at Bonneville. Mr. Hayes stated that he believes



It will be almost impossible for Davis to obtain employment on the Bonneville Dam for the following reasons: Any man seeking employment is required to register with the local National Reemployment Service and make affidavit to the effect that he has been a resident of the community for the past six months. The affidavit of the person seeking employment must be supported by affidavit from two taxpayers who know him and also by the mail carrier who delivers mail to the person. The mail carrier, as well as the two tax payers, must allege that he is acquainted with the prospect and knows personally that he has resided in that community for at least six months past. This provision does not apply to certain foremen and clerical employees.

Identification orders were left with both Mr. Hayes and Captain Torkelson.

It should also be stated that few, if any, employees appear in person at the National Reemployment Service at Bonneville.

Investigation was also conducted at the Community Center in Bonneville and Captain Torkelson left copies of the Identification Order with the proprietor, who advised that he occasionally employs card dealers, but that he had no one at the present time resembling subject Davis.

The Portland Bureau office is also furnishing photographs and copies of the Identification Order to the State Police Highway Patrol covering Bonneville Dam.

At Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Indian Officer John Arkell, connected with the Klamath Indian Agency near Klamath Falls, Oregon, was requested to contact Miss Frances E. Bennett, Box 558, a member of the Get Acquainted Correspondence Club, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this individual had communicated with subject Davis under the alias G. L. Harper. Mr. Arkell contacted Miss Frances E. Bennett, who informed him that she had had no communication from subject Davis under the alias G. L. Harper, but that she would notify the Portland Bureau office in the event subject Davis made any attempt to communicate with her.

PENDING.

503-a U.S. Court House and F.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
March 18, 1935

Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I.O. #1218 - FUGITIVE;  
DR. Joseph P. Moran with aliases, I.O. #1232 -  
Volney Davis with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUGITIVE;  
Harry Campbell with aliases, I.O. #1236, et al.  
Edward George Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping  
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MAR 23 1935

Dear Sir:

Harry M. McCalip, also known as Leo Keller, called at the Salt Lake City Bureau Office, and related to Special Agent Louis D. Wise that he is now residing with his wife at the Plandome Hotel, Salt Lake City; that he is not working, that he has not done any work for the last thirty years, that he formerly followed a criminal career and was engaged in bootlegging; that about a month ago he was released from the United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington, after serving a year and a day. He was sent from Salt Lake City for robbery of the Post Office at Bingham Canyon, Utah.

McCalip related that he is on parole from McNeil Island on the above charge and has desired to discontinue his unlawful activities; that he would be glad to be of assistance to the Government if he was sure that his assistance would not jeopardize his life; that he was not interested in obtaining any money for his services. He stated that while he was in the United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island he became acquainted with Harry LaFleur, alias Harry Rodney LaFleur, Salt Lake County No. 5730, Salt Lake City Police Department No. 5253, Utah State Penitentiary No. 5587, McNeil Island No. 10878; that LaFleur was released from McNeil Island during the summer of 1934 and ordered reported to Canada by the Immigration Authorities.

McCalip stated that he saw LaFleur on the streets of Salt Lake City on March 14, 1935; that he was accompanied by a small man, dark complexioned, and about 5'4" tall; that LaFleur was driving a Ford V-8 sedan, black in color, which machine he believed bore a Minnesota license, the numbers of which were not obtained. McCalip stated that LaFleur is no doubt a member of an underworld group and that LaFleur informed him that he had received information that Harry

Letter to Salt Lake City 4/5/35 R.E.M.  
CC - Mr. Connelley, St. Paul, Denver, San Francisco



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Campbell had recently been in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and that Harry Campbell and LaFleur and another ex-convict from McNeil Island Penitentiary, by the name of George S. Venger were undoubtedly planning to meet at a secret hideout located near the "Four Corners". This informant described the "Four Corners" as being that section of the country where the states of Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico border; that Venger being a native of this country knew all the hideouts and would undoubtedly arrange for a place of concealment in the rugged mountainous area of the country which it would be practically impossible to locate.

McCalip displayed to Special Agent Louis D. Wine a letter mailed at Dove Creek, Colorado, dated March 8, 1935, signed by George S. Venger, who said he was hiding with a pack outfit on the Colorado River. Special Agent Wine is acquainted with George S. Venger having interviewed him several years ago prior to his incarceration at McNeil Island in connection with a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at Moab, Utah. This original letter is without question in the handwriting of Venger.

McCalip related that LaFleur told him he was going to Grand Junction, Colorado, where it is said he intended to contact several ex-convicts and fugitives.

McCalip related that Venger owes him \$1,200.00; that Venger is in close contact with Ralph Capone of Chicago and that he saw a letter which Venger had shown him, written by Ralph Capone wherein the latter sent Venger \$250.00; that Ralph Capone and Venger while in McNeil Island Penitentiary worked together in the guards kitchen.

According to McCalip, LaFleur was accompanied by Underhill, a brother of Wilbur Underhill, at the time they escaped from the Utah State Prison several years ago and LaFleur is well acquainted with Oklahoma underworld characters and that LaFleur told him Harry Campbell had recently been to a Doctor who poses as an Osteopath at Colorado Springs, Colo., who removed some scars for Campbell; that Campbell, LaFleur, Venger, and a number of others were, no doubt, going to some secret hideout in the mountainous area of Western Colorado and would probably be planning some big crime.

McCalip relates that he cannot recall the name of this Doctor in Colorado Springs but he lives in a large house on the right side of the road going from Colorado Springs to Manitou, Colorado, about one-third of the way to Manitou; that he is known as an Osteopath and has a sign in his window "Rooms for Rent" but a stranger making inquiry there is told by the Doctor that all his rooms are rented;

that in the rear of this house is a large garage with a capacity of four or five cars; that this Doctor is a well-known underworld Doctor and fixes up the "wives" when they get in trouble.

McCalip related that several years ago he had this Doctor straighten his nose and that he took an underworld character by the name of Bobby Corbett from Fairfax, Oklahoma, to this Doctor near Colorado Springs who treated Corbett for a skin infection.

McCalip was shown Salt Lake County photograph No. 5730 of Harry LaFleur, which photograph McCalip positively identified as the ex-convict he had seen on the streets of Salt Lake City and who is said to be in this country illegally and who is going to contact some of his associates at Grand Junction, Colorado, and furnished him information as to Harry Campbell being treated by the Doctor near Colorado Springs, Colo.

George S. Venger is a fugitive from justice and is wanted in the state of Colorado on a Federal warrant for selling liquor to Indians and who on about January 1, 1935, escaped from the County Jail at Monticello, Utah. His home is in Dove Creek, Colo., and he is apparently in hiding near there at the present time.

Gilbert Gower, Immigration Inspector, Salt Lake City, Utah, relates that if Harry LaFleur is in the United States he is there illegally and is wanted for deportation by the United States Immigration authorities.

Harry M. McCalip is paroled to Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal Alfred Gunn, Salt Lake City, and has called at the Salt Lake City Bureau Office several times apparently for the purpose of furnishing information. He seemed to be somewhat vague as to any further details relating to Harry Campbell. However, he related that he is positive that Harry LaFleur told him that he was going to Grand Junction and had also told him that Harry Campbell had recently been operated on by a Doctor at Colorado Springs for removal of scars.

Two copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Denver Office for its information only at this time and as a basis for further investigation in the state of Colorado should investigative activity be desired.

Salt Lake County Police photograph No. 5730 of Harry LaFleur is being enclosed herewith.

McCalip related that his sole purpose in reporting this matter to the Government was that he may be of some assistance in causing the location of Harry Campbell and his sole interest in doing so was not in any manner patriotic but as a method of revenge against Harry Campbell. McCalip declined to discuss this case any further and stated

that his grudge against Harry Campbell, whom he had never met, was a personal one and that Campbell on one occasion had "double-crossed" him and he was going to do all in his power to see that Campbell was located.

Very truly yours, J

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JOHN A. DOWD

Special Agent in Charge

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*MS*  
Supervisor.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 30, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith eleven copies each of abstracts  
of criminal records, showing descriptions and fingerprint  
classification, and photographs, as appearing in the files  
of the Identification Division of Harry S. McCalip, alias  
Leq/Keller, our file #259309, and Henry La Fleur, alias  
Henry Rodney La Fleur, our file #133051.

Respectfully,

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1215, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -  
Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 10, 1934,  
addressed to Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago, in the above  
entitled case, setting forth information obtained from one Harry  
M. McCallip, also known as Lee Kellar.

It is noted that McCallip makes reference to one Harry  
Lafleur alias Henry Rodney Lafleur, with whom he served a sentence  
at the United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington.

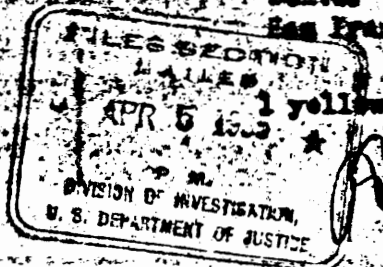
As of possible assistance to you, there are trans-  
mitted herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below,  
abstracts of criminal records and photographs of these two  
individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure (319222)

cc- Mr. Connelley at Chicago (inclosures as indicated above)  
St. Paul  
Denver  
San Francisco





RAA:MPS

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

March 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236;  
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EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Please refer to report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, made at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 20, 1935, with especial reference to Page 137 thereof, which records the indictments returned in this case at Jacksonville, Florida, on February 7, 1935. Trials of the persons charged in the indictments in Florida will be held sometime during the latter part of April or the first of May next.

Assistant United States Attorney W. Sanders Gramling, who will handle the prosecution of this case, and Federal Judge Halsted L. Ritter, who will be the presiding Judge, both of Miami, Florida, have received letters from Peter Stone of the Law Firm of Stone and Kleinberg, 790 Broad Street, Newark, N.J., dated March 15th, 1935. On the same date Mr. Stone also addressed a communication to Henry Stern, c/o Assistant United States Attorney, Miami, Florida. Stern appears to be the true name of Duke Randall, alias Henry Stern.

The letter of Mr. Stone to Mr. Gramling requests that he use his good offices with Judge Ritter in order that a competent attorney can be employed to defend Randall; also that it may be necessary to take depositions in Newark, N.J., and vicinity to prove the accused's good character and reputation.

In Mr. Stone's letter to Federal Judge Ritter he stated that he was engaged by Dr. David A. Stern, a brother of the accused, to investigate this situation; that Dr. Stern is an intimate friend of Stone's.

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It appears that the Stern family are in no financial position to retain counsel for Henry Stern, therefore, Mr. Stone requested that Judge Ritter, if he believed it necessary, assign counsel to defend Stern.

He also stated that the accused bears a high reputation in the community of Newark; that he has never been convicted of crime; that he has never been accused of crime or any other offense and that if necessary depositions will be taken in Newark of men of excellent standing who will testify to the accused's good character and reputation. He also stated that the name Duke Randall, assumed by the accused, is not a criminal alias but one which the accused has used for many years, professionally, as the leader of "Duke Randall's Orchestra".

It is respectfully requested that an immediate investigation be made in Newark and vicinity to ascertain Stern's reputation in that community, since it is believed that character witnesses will be offered for him during the trial of this case.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Bureau ✓  
St. Paul  
Mr. Connelley

Jax / 7-24



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March 22, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has received several letters concerning the disposition of the personal property recovered from the house occupied by Kate Barker and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, wherein it is indicated that the property is being held by the local coroner at Ocala, Florida, who is being subpoenaed duces tecum to produce all of the property at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the above entitled case.

The Bureau desires that you consult the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, if it has not already been done, regarding this property and suggest that, in the event it has no evidentiary value, the subpoena duces tecum originally issued now be cancelled, thereby releasing all of the property for appropriate disposition under the probate laws of the State of Florida.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

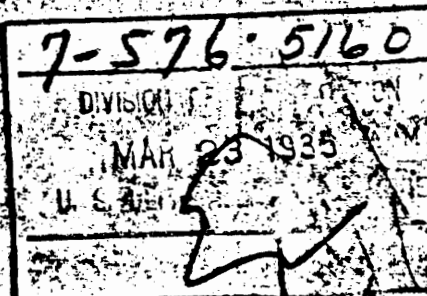
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cc-Jacksonville

Mr. Connelley at Chicago



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MARCH 21, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1216;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. #1236;  
VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1237 - FUG.; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

As will be noted by reference to page 42 of the report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 3-20-35, a complaint charging Doris O'Connor, late woman companion of Jess Doyle, with harboring the latter, was filed at Kansas City on March 7, 1935.

With respect to the above, this office has been advised by Assistant United States Attorney Samuel Blair that a certified copy of the indictment returned at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 22, 1935, naming Jess Doyle, will be needed for the hearing on this matter. The date has been originally set for March 22, 1935, before United States Commissioner Charles Thompson, in Kansas City. However, in view of the circumstances, Mr. Blair states that a continuance will undoubtedly be granted so as to allow ample opportunity for such papers to be transmitted to this office.

In addition, according to Assistant United States Attorney Blair, it will most likely be necessary that at least one witness who appeared before the Grand Jury returning the above indictment, and who testified concerning Doyle, be present in order that Doris O'Connor be bound over to the next Grand Jury in this district.

Inasmuch as the above has already necessitated some delay it is requested that the matter be given your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

RPS:os  
cc - Bureau  
cc - Mr. Connelly, Chicago

R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

March 21, 1935.

Mr. E.J. Connelley,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 829,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1232,  
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,  
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,  
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; WILLIAM HEAVER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,  
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRI-  
SON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE KATCH,  
with aliases, I.O.#1241; OLIVER A. BERG, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim. KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS  
ACT. St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1935, with par-  
ticular reference to the report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul,  
Minnesota, dated February 14, 1935, on page 9 of which it is noted that  
WILLIAM HEAVER, in the name of J.A. WARE, purchased a car from T.E. JACOB  
of Wausau, Wisconsin, and requesting that this office obtain specific  
identity of the automobile in question, please be advised that the in-  
formation desired is included in report of Special Agent in Charge D.M.  
Ladd, dated 11-10-34, at St. Paul, Minnesota, and is carried in the case  
entitled JOHN PAUL CHASE, with aliases, et al; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - MURDER OF INSPECTOR S.P. COWLEY AND  
SPECIAL AGENT R.E. HOLLIS; St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

On November 10, 1934, Special Agent in Charge D.M. LADD telephoned  
the late Inspector Cowley, at Chicago, and advised him concerning the re-  
sults of the investigation made at Wausau, Wisconsin. Special Agent in  
Charge Ladd was advised by Inspector Cowley that WARE had already been  
interviewed by the San Francisco Office and had been eliminated from any  
connection with this case.

See 62-29777-4430

Very truly yours,

MAR 29 1935

D.M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINN.**

FILE NO. **7-5**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/14, 15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. T. MANN</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1216; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Irene Welch, Casper, Wyo., and Oscar Felt, Evansville, Wyo., both former acquaintances of Subject Campbell, possess no information concerning possible location of latter. No information at Police or Sheriff's offices.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. F. Black, Detroit, 2/16/35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CASPER, WYO.**

Agent called at the residence of Irene Welch, 1236 Chestnut Street, and she advised that Harry Campbell had worked for her father, Mark Welch, as a bus driver from Evansville, Wyoming, to Casper, from about 1921 to 1925; that during this time she and her family lived at Evansville, which is only three miles from Casper, and that Subject boarded at their home while working for her father. Miss Welch asserted that during this time she was away at college and did not see much of Campbell but always thought he was a very clean and straightforward boy while he had worked for her father, as he had never been in any trouble and had good habits. Continuing, she stated that she had not seen Campbell since he discontinued working for her father in 1925; that he never corresponded with her as they were not particular friends; that she knew of no one with whom he might be corresponding and had no idea where he could be. She further advised that she would be only too glad to assist in furnishing facts which might conduce to the acquisition of

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SPECIAL AGENT  
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information leading to the location and apprehension of Subject Campbell, but, inasmuch as she possessed very meager knowledge of Campbell, she advised that Agent talk with her father, Mack Welch.

Agent called again at this residence and was informed by Mack Welch that after Campbell had ceased working for him in 1925, he had seen very little of the latter except occasionally on the street in Casper, two or three years thereafter. Welch advised that while he (Welch) operated a bus line between Casper and Evansville, Oscar Felt operated a restaurant at Evansville, and that the latter and Campbell seemed to be very good friends. He asserted that he would not be at all surprised if Felt had harbored Campbell since the latter's trouble, as he deemed them very close, and, in addition, to the fact that Felt was a person of low caliber; further, that Felt had bootlegged while operating the restaurant in Evansville and was a scheming, petty politician there. He also stated that Felt had not worked any for the last two or three years, and imagined that he had made sufficient money while engaged in bootlegging to keep him going.

Welch also stated that he knew of no friends of Campbell with whom he might be corresponding or keeping in touch with, unless it were Felt; that he (Welch) has a nephew, Emmitt Welch, who was living in Evansville at the time Campbell was there and who knew the latter quite well; that after Campbell became "hot" he dropped in to see Emmitt one day and Emmitt told him he did not care to continue his friendship and not to pay him any more visits. Welch stated that Emmitt was now living in West Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was engaged as a welder with the Texas Refining Company there. Welch advised that he had no idea where Campbell could be at present and that he had no further information concerning him, other than that which he had divulged to a Special Agent of the Salt Lake City Bureau office some eleven or twelve months ago. He promised to communicate with the Denver Bureau office immediately in the event he should receive any information concerning Subject Campbell's whereabouts, and furnished Agent a kodak picture of Campbell which he had in a photograph book. This picture is being forwarded to the Bureau in order that copies may be made for circularization in the event this is considered advisable.

Agent interviewed Chief of Police Frank Scherck and Undersheriff Robert Owens, both of whom advised that they had no information concerning Campbell or any of his connections.

AT EVANSVILLE, WYO.

Mrs. Ella M. Sullivan, Postmistress of Evansville for the past eleven years, stated that as Evansville was a town of only two hundred people she knew everyone very well; that she had known Oscar Felt and Harry Campbell since she had been in Evansville and knew that they were good friends; further, that she thought that Felt was "just a dirty rat with the propensities of a full-grown criminal" and would place no reliance upon anything he might say; that he had bootlegged and had not worked for the past three years, prior to which time he served as mayor, and in which capacity she believed that he accumulated enough in the way of graft to keep him for a number of years. She stated that she had no information concerning Campbell, but would not be at all surprised if Felt did possess some very valuable information.

Agent interviewed Oscar Felt at his home, which has no street address. He seemed much concerned about Campbell's trouble and advised that he had no further information since the time he had been interviewed in Detroit by Special Agent Meekins last April; that he did not have the slightest idea as to the whereabouts of Campbell and did not know of anyone who possessed any information along this line. He asserted that he was very reluctant to entertain any belief that Campbell would ever return to this part of the country, but that if he received any information as to Campbell's whereabouts he would inform the Denver Bureau office. During this interview with Felt he seemed very evasive of questions asked him by the writer, but quite profuse with remarks which bore no relation to the topic of the conversation.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At West Tulsa, Oklahoma, will interview Emmitt Welch, formerly of Evansville, Wyoming, and a former acquaintance of Subject Harry Campbell, for any information of value which he might possess as to Campbell's contacts or present whereabouts.

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Snapshot of Harry Campbell taken between  
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April 5, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
E. T. Mann, dated at Denver, Colorado, March 20, 1935, in  
the above entitled case, setting forth the results of an  
interview had with Irene Walsh, Casper, Wyoming.

Attached to this report was a snapshot photograph  
of Harry Campbell which was apparently taken sometime between  
1921 and 1923, enlargements of which have been made and copies  
transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below.  
This snapshot should be exhibited to persons acquainted with  
Campbell with a view to ascertaining whether it resembles him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Inclosure 301621.

cc-St. Paul

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Dear [Redacted]

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter dated March 11, 1935, wherein you make reference to a previous letter dated February 22, 1935, requesting certain information relative to one "Cash" McDonald.

Your letter of February 22, 1935 was replied to under date of March 16, 1935 and you were advised that this Bureau received no information from McDonald concerning the killing of Jerry Buckley at Detroit, Michigan.

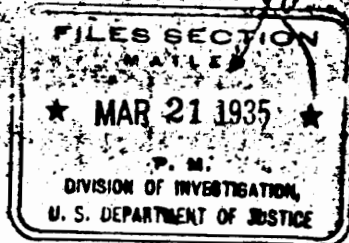
Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
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